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Yugoslavia Joins Axis As Unrest Spreads in Country

Opposition to "Sell Out" Increases; No Passage of Troops, Reich Promises

Vienna, Mar. 25.

YUGOSLAVIA at noon today (8 p.m., Shanghai time, yesterday) joined the Tripartite Pact after Germany, Italy and Japan had signed documents promising not to request Yugoslavia to permit the transport of their troops, either on foot or in vehicles, through Yugoslavia as long as the war lasts. Germany, Italy and Japan also promised to respect the integrity of Yugoslavia at all times.

Yugoslavia adhered to the Tripartite Pact in a signing ceremony at the historic Belvedere Palace in the presence of chancellor Adolf Hitler. The country joined the pact in the role of a "junior" member, following the lead of Hungary, Slovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

With representatives of all those countries looking on, Yugoslavia joined the Tripartite Alliance 25 days after Bulgaria had adhered to the same pact.

M. Dragisha Tsvetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, and M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, signed the protocol in the historic yellow hall of the castle of Prince Eugen.

The documents signed consisted of the usual three articles of adherence to the alliance and the invitation extended to Yugoslav representatives to join the various commissions created under the pact.

Two notes also were appended to the documents. These were addressed to the Yugoslav Government at the time of the signing of the other documents.

The first note said that on the occasion of Yukoslavia's adherence to the pact, the Axis Powers and Japan "confirmed their decision to respect the sovereignty of Yugoslavia at all times."

Hitler's Reception

The other note stated that the Axis Powers and Japan confirm their agreement with the Yugoslav Government that "during the war the Axis Powers will not address any request to the Yugoslav Government to allow the passage or transport of troops through Yugoslav territory."

In addition to Chancellor Hitler, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and Lieut.-General Hiroshi Oshima, Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, represented their Governments and all but the Führer also signed the control.

Representatives of the other nations which have adhered to the pact also were present.

Hungary was represented by its Minister to Berlin, M. Dome Sztojay; Bulgaria by its Minister to Berlin, M.

[United Press.

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Attack on Greece Imminent

Yugoslav Deserters Said Crossing Greek Frontier In "Steady Streams"

London, Mar. 25.

British observers today strongly believed that Germany would launch an offensive against Greece soon after Yugoslavia signed adherence to the Tripartite Pact, perhaps even today—on Greece's Independence Day.

Balkan reports said that German troops in Bulgaria have been moving to the south since Sunday along the Struma Valley, the only direct approach from western Bulgaria to Salonika.

British quarters virtually abandoned hope of averting Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis when Yugoslavia's Premier and Foreign Minister arrived in Vienna this morning.

They believed that only a military coup, possibly resulting in civil war, could prevent Yugoslavia from signing the pact.

The military authorities in Yugoslavia are alleged here to be strongly pro-British and extremist elements, including four generals and three high officers in the King's Guards, were reported to have deserted the Army.

Deserters were reported to be crossing the Greek frontier in "steady streams," presenting a problem for General Peter Pesitch, powerful War Minister, who did not participate in the voting Friday when the Yugoslav Cabinet decided to accede to Chancellor Adolf Hitler's demands.

Popular opposition to the act already has been manifested by hundred of mass meetings throughout Yugoslavia, while thousands of pamphlets were strewn in the streets of Belgrade threatening Cabinet members with assassination. British reports said.—United Press.

Mr. Menzies Extending Visit in Britain

Hopes to Have Talk with Mr. de Valera Later

London, Mar. 25.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, is extending his stay in Britain. In London yesterday, after a tour through the provinces, he said he hoped to meet members of the Trades Union Congress and to visit North and South Ireland, and to have a conversation with Mr. Eamon de Valera, Eireann Prime Minister.

On his return journey via the United States and Canada, he would call on President Roosevelt and Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister.

Mr. Menzies added the general impression he would take back to Australia was that he had a good story to tell of what Britain was doing.—Reuter.

Britain's Strong Warning To Belgrade

London, Mar. 25.

Britain has informed Belgrade of the "British intention to attack the Germans wherever they may be," authoritative sources said today. The authoritative quarters added that Britain's "warning to Belgrade applies to any Yugoslav compromise with Germany, however, modified in form."

Reports from Yugoslavia, they said, indicated that the Germans would have a much more difficult time in reconciling the Yugoslavs than they did in Rumania and Bulgaria. They stated that the British Government lacked confirmation of the Belgrade reports that Russia was sending military aid to Turkey."—United Press.

10,000 Fire Bombs Rained On Berlin

Reich Capital Receives A Taste of Some of Its Own Medicine

London, Mar. 25.

Ten thousand incendiary bombs were dropped on Berlin by British bombers on Sunday night, it was learned last night. Polish crews participated in the raid.

The raiders attacking the centre of the German capital had to make their way through an intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this attempt to protect the heart of Berlin, a large force of British bombers crossed and re-crossed the city.

Some flew along Unter den Linden—within a mile or so of which are five of the main railway stations—keeping on a steady course in order to take their aim. Others directed their bombs at fires which the first wave of British aircraft had started, and other attacked goods yards and factories south of the city. Many of the British crews often had made the trip before.

Ten thousand incendiary bombs were rained on Berlin and some of the heaviest high-explosives. In the areas selected for the main attack a great number of bombs were seen to explode, some in the centre of the target. Flashes of larger bombs lit up the factories at which they were aimed. Fire after fire sprang up, glowing red with a suffused glare through the mist.

On their way back from Berlin, several British aircraft passed over Hanover, which was also attacked, and pilots saw fierce explosions in the heart of the city.

Bomber Over Cherbourg

After bombing docks at Cherbourg yesterday Monday morning, a Blenheim bomber dived and dealt effectively with light gun positions on the outer mole, says the News Service of the Air Ministry.

Diving further to 100 feet, the aircraft found the main street of Harfleur, near Cherbourg, occupied by German troops on pre-breakfast parade outside their barrack blocks and heavily machine-gunned them.

Meanwhile, there was little air activity over England yesterday. Southwest England South Wales were visited by enemy bombers shortly before dawn, but damage was small and casualties few. One enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. fighters.

Up to a late hour last night, there was no alert over Britain.

Britain Quiet

The whole of Britain experienced a quiet night, it was announced this morning, and not a single enemy bomber was reported to have crossed the coast after dark. London enjoyed its fourth successive night without an "alert" signal.

This lull was followed by a day of isolated raids, in which two German machines were destroyed, one over the sea off the north coast, and the other in Cornwall.—Reuter.

Nazis Lose Thirteen

Cairo, Mar. 25.

Thirteen German planes were destroyed when large formations of Nazi bombers, accompanied by fighters, raided Malta on Sunday.—Reuter.

Greek, Turkish Leaders Laud Greek Troops

Greece Celebrates 120th Independence Day

Athens, Mar. 25.

Turkish leaders joined the King of Greece in sending messages of congratulation to Greek troops on the occasion of the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Greece's Independence Day.

King Gerge II, in a letter to General Alexander Papagos, Greek Army chief, said that as "Greece will celebrate the greatest day in her history, our thoughts are with those who are shedding their blood in order to keep which our forefathers gave us."

M. Alexander Korizis, the Premier, in a message to the Army, said, "You hold the fate of Greece in your hands. The whole country expresses their thanks to you."

General Ismet Inonu, the Turkish President, M. Sukru Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and Dr. Refik Saydam, the Premier, also sent messages of cogratulation and expressed Turkish solidarity with Greece. They also praised the bravery of the Greek troops.—United Press.

Mr. Churchill's Message

London, Mar. 25.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, has addressed the following message to the Greek people on Greek Independence Day: "On this day of memories I would add one brief tribute to those which the whole civilized world is paying to the valour of the Greek Nation. One hundred and twenty years ago England rejoiced in the achievements for the cause of Greek independence.

"Today that struggle is being repeated against greater odds but with the same courage and with no less certainty of success. We know that the cause for which Byron died is a sacred cause. Be we resolved to sustain it."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent a message to the Greek people.—Reuter.

Polish Airmen in Royal Air Force

Polish airmen took part in the great British raid on Berlin. They have acquitted themselves well for many months in fighting against the Germans. In the upper picture a Polish bomber is shown being loaded up preparatory to a flight over enemy territory. Below, some of the pilots of the famous Polish fighter squadron which, under British commanders, recently brought down no fewer than 126 Nazi planes in six weeks.

Stalin Meets Matsuoka At Moscow Talks

Japanese Foreign Minister Received by Kalinin, Molotov in Presence of Stalin

Moscow, Mar. 24.

ACCORDING to an official communique published here this evening, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister of Japan, today was received by the Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, M. Mikhail Kalinin, and the Foreign Commissar, M. Viacheslav Molotov, in the presence of M. Joseph Stalin.

"The conference between Mr. Matsuoka and the Soviet leaders lasted over an hour," the communique added. Also present was the Japanese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, General Tatekawa.

In an interview Mr. Matsuoka granted today to the assistant-editor of the German paper, "Angriff," who flew to Moscow to meet the Japanese statesman, the latter expressed his pleasure at having geen invited by the German Government to visit Germany for he would now be able to meet personally the men whose names represented a programme in the whole world and particularly in Japan.

"The Japanese people are watching with the keenest of interest my trip to Germany and Italy," he stated. "The whole of Japan is firmly convinced that the tripartite agreement is, both from a military and a political viewpoint, one of the most powerful elements in the world at present."

A luncheon was offered in Mr. Matsuoka's honour today by Friedrich Werner Count von der Schulenburg. Among those present at the function were the Italian Ambassador and the Rumanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Slovak Ministers.

During the afternoon, Mr. Lawrence Steinhardt, the United States Ambassador to Russia, called upon Mr. Matsuoka The Japanese Foreign Minister left for Berlin by train at 11.15 p.m. tonight.

During his stay in Moscow the Japanese statesman presented M. Stalin with a Japanese screen of the 13th century, and M. Molotoff with an ancient lacquer casket.

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Tempo of War Speeds Up

Heart of Berlin Suffers In Raid; Balkan Events Nearing Climax

New York, Mar. 25.

Tempo of the European war speeded today as British bombers pounded the heart of Berlin and the German naval base of Kiel on Monday night, and British troops were reported to be digging in on Greece's northern border along the Yugoslavian frontier where the opening of a major war front may be only a few days distant.

London believed the R.A.F. bombs had damaged the big Berlin Anhalter railway station because of reports the Hungarian Cabinet Minister was greeted at the Friedrichstrasse station instead of the Anhalter station where rains from Budapest normally arrive.

The German High Command admitted a number of persons were killed and wounded in Berlin and Kiel and added that fires were started in Berlin.

Hunting Battle Cruisers

British coastal command planes made daylight sweeps over the North Sea, probably hunting the battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau which have been raiding British sea lanes of the Atlantic. Both were believed to be raiding after weeks of attacking convoys.

Balkan events appeared nearing their climax with Yugoslavia signing of the tripartite practically a certainty despite British warnings that such action would be considered unneutral.

Thirty-five thousand British troops were reported to be massed in northern Greece in positions opposite the Vardar River valley which is the entrance to Greece from Yugoslavia.

Actual fighting on the Albanian front, of the Italo-Greek war was reported to be confined to a minimum of activity.—United Press.

Soviet-Japan Pact Seen In Ankara

Ankara, Mar. 25.

Informed sources here yesterday said that the visit to Moscow of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, may result in a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact overshadowing in importance the Moscow-Ankara exchanges.—United Press.

Graziani Resigns At Own Request

Two Generals Take Over His Duties; British Somaliland All British

Rome, Mar. 25.

Marshal Graziani, Italian Commander-in-Chief in Africa, has resigned at his own request, according to an official announcement here today. He is succeeded by General Italo Gariboldi.

Marshal Graziani ceases to be Chief of Staff of the Army, Governor of Libya and Superior Commanding Officer of the Italian armed forces of North Africa, says an official statement. General Italo Gariboldi is appointed Governor of Libya and Superior Commanding officer of Italian armed forces in North Africa. General Maril Roatta of the General Army Corps and Deputy Chief of the General Staff, assumes the position of Chief of the General Staff.

General of Division Francisco Rossi is appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff.—Reuter.

Reoccupied

Nairobi, Mar. 25.

The whole of British Somaliland is now in British hands and the road from Berbera to Hargeisa is now open. This announcement was made in yesterday's communique here, which also revealed further successes in Abyssinia.

British forward troops attacked a strong Italian position holding the Marda pass just west of Jigjiga. The British captured vital tactical positions after strong opposition but British losses were slight. Operations were continuing.

Strong Resistance Near Keren

Reports from Cairo stated that very heavy fighting was going on in the hills three or four miles from Keren, Italy's Eritrean stronghold which was being besieged by Imperial troops. A military spokesman stated last night that the Italian forces there were putting up the strongest resistance of the African campaign.

Of the several potential threats to Addis Ababa, the thrusts from Neghelli in the south and Jigjiga in the east are probably the most threatening. R.A.F. bombing of the Addis Ababa-Jibuti railway has resulted in some disorganization of the line and irreparable loss to the Italian rolling stock.

With the Italian withdrawal from British Somaliland, it appears that natives have taken possession of Zeilah, the port near the border of French Somaliland.

British reconnaissance aircraft have brought the news that the Union Jack was flying from buildings in Zeilah, and that natives with white flags had been seen. There was no confirmation of any land operations in this sector.—Reuter.

Germans in Tripolitania

London, Mar. 25.

Coincidental with the Berlin announcement that German troops have occupied El Aghelia, Libyan port, military quarters here today said that the Germans were reinforcing their armed formations in Tripolitania, western Libya, where the total Nazi strength was described as "one which the British cannot ignore." Military quarters believed that the German reinforcements were conveyed by sea and air from Sicily during nighttime.

They pointed out that German communiques have mentioned patrol activity.—United Press.

Haile Selassie in Free Province

London, Mar. 25.

"The rebirth of an independent Abyssinia" was marked by the first public ceremony attended by the Emperor Haile Selassie recently, according to messages received here from Khartoum today. Surrounded by generals and officers of state, the Emperor sat in state at Burye, in Gojjam province.

British Forces are now approaching Harar—the eastern gateway to Addis Ababa—following the action at Marda Pass. A number of prisoners and quantities of equipment were taken during and after that action, states a G.H.Q. communique issued this afternoon.—Reuter.

Determined Italian Attack Repulsed In Central Albania

Italian Prisoners Confirm That Gen. Geloso Is New Albanian Commander-in-Chief

London, Mar. 25.

Artillery activity was lively on both sides of the front in Albania yesterday, and several enemy batteries were silenced, states a Greek Press Ministry statement quoted by the Athens radio last night.

In the region of the Aous River (Viosa) in the central sector, the Italians launched a local attack which met with heavy fire from the Greek lines before it could develop. The enemy's effort was a determined one, but it was completely frustrated, and the Italians suffered extremely heavy casualties, the statement continued.

Information given by Italian prisoners confirmed that General Ugo Cavallero had ceased to command the Italian Army in Albania, and that General Geloso was the new Commander-in-Chief.

It has also been confirmed that the second regiment of Bersaglieri was badly smashed up in the battle of Klisura, losing more than 50 per cent. of its effectives, and that a battalion of 800 Alpini troops was left with only two officers and 80 men.—Reuter.

Sumarine Repelled

Athens, Mar. 25.

Two small Greek boats armed only with rifles successfully repelled an Italian submarine off the coast of Epirus yesterday. When the submarine had approached within 200 yards the boats opened fire. The submarine replied with heavy machine-gun fire before submerging.

A quarter of an hour later an Italian destroyer arrived and opened fire at 800 yards with a quick-firing anti-aircraft gun but without result. When the destroyer was 300 yards off one of the Greek boats again opened rifle fire. The two Greek boats returned safely to port.—Reuter.

"First Things First" But Raids On Germany Will Increase

New British Bombers are Faster Than Ever; Families of German Workers Evacuate Ruhr

London, Mar. 25.

THE R.A.F. is hitting Germany harder, but there are three reasons why at the moment it cannot do it very often. As outlined to me in London yesterday they constituted a policy of "first things first," with the promise that the R.A.F. will carry the air war into Hitler's country on a growing scale and thereby implement what is recognized must be, as the war presents itself today, the most effective means of hammering at the Nazis for some time, writes Reuter's Air Correspondent.

The factors are, firstly, diversion, secondly, the weather, and lastly, the state of Britain's bomber strength. Now that the German air force is being used in support of her Navy in an "all-out" bid to starve Britain of supplies of food, it follows that part of the R.A.F. offensive strength must be diverted to counteract this threat by raiding the enemy's sea and air bases and other decisive points in the struggle.

Shortages in Britain's front-line bomber strength must be made good before the Prime Minister's assurance that he is "arranging" that "presently" the disparity between the weight of the R.A.F. bombing of Germany and the Luftwaffe raiding of Britain will be rather the other way round can be fulfilled.

It will take time before the R.A.F., facing, for one thing a more distant and much bigger target, can hope to unload the same total tonnage of bombs. But here are some new encouraging factors in the present duel between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe to be borne in mind:

The new British bombers are faster than ever, and this will offset the shortening hours of summer nights and should enable the winter bombing campaign of Germany to be carried on with much the same strength.

The families of German workers continue to be evacuated from the much bombed Ruhr district and other Nazi cities and ports. Some are being sent to Austria and others are coming west to occupied France. The German night attacks on British ports have been checked for two nights in succession by the prevailing variable weather, which may eventually have the effect of unsettling the Nazi timetable.

Nazi air formations of between 200 and 500 strong are experiencing heavy proportionate losses observers are convinced. German attacks on ports and other bottle-necks of American aid to Britain form the second essential part of the considered campaign to stop the passage of supplies and food "somewhere, anywhere," between the producer overseas and the consumer here.

The first essential is the U-boat campaign at sea. The Luftwaffe's part in this blockade of Britain follows two big earlier failures, it is pointed out. The first was to knock out the R.A.F. and the second was to break the moral of the people.—Reuter.

Russia Tells Turkey "No Stab in Back"

Moscow Announces Russia Will Stay Neutral If Turkey Involved in War; Move Believed Obviously Directed Against Germany

Istanbul, Mar. 25.

TURKEY and Russia yesterday exchanged a declaration of mutual determination to refrain from embarrassing each other in the event either became involved in war.

An official communique said that the declaration was exchanged after news appeared in the foreign press "stating that if Turkey was involved in war the Soviet Union would profit by the difficulties she (Turkey) would have to face by attacking her.

"In the first place such news did not coincide in any way with the attitude of the Soviet Government and. Secondly, in case Turkey should object to aggression and should find herself forced into a war in defence of her territory, Turkey could then, in accordance with the non-aggression pact existing between herself and the U.S.S.R., count on the complete comprehension and neutrality of the U.S.S.R."

The communique said Turkey expressed thanks to Russia and advised Russia of similar friendly Turkish intentions.

Meanwhile most reliable Turkish political quarters said that Turkey could count not only on "complete comprehension and neutrality" from Russia if Turkey fought Germany but also may receive some help from Russia.

"Courageous Gesture"

Informed sources called that declaration a courageous Russian gesture, obviously directed against Germany since Germany was the only countru likely to attack Turkey.

They said that the effect of the declaration was even more potent than conclusion of an ordinary non-aggression pact because it came at the same moment when Germany was ready to renew military action which might include an effort to reach the Dardanelles.

Meanwhile, the Turkish government controlled press launched a campaign to prepare the Turks for the worst.

All telegraph and telephonic communications between Turkey and Europe were cut off from Sunday night to last night except for official communications.

Originally it was believed that communications were cut because of the impending announcement concerning the Soviet-Turkish exchange declaration. It may have been, however, only a "full dress" practice for future emergencies.

Authoritative sources in Ankara said a communique regarding official exchange of Russian and Turkish views, amounting to a reciprocal non-aggression declaration, will be published in Moscow as soon as both Governments approve wording of the document.

Germany Apprehensive

Because of premature leakage of information concerning the exchange, German pressure has been applied in Moscow to prevent publication, or at least delay of publication, until Yugoslavia signed a modified form of the tripartite pact, because the Germans feared the effect such a declaration would have in possibly stiffening Yugoslavian resistance.

M. Andrey Y. Vishinsky, Soviet Foreign Vice-Commissar began the exchange of declarations on March 15 by presenting to the Turkish Ambassador to Moscow written assurances to the effect Russia has no designs on Turkish territory or the Dardanelles, said authoritative sources.

Russia assured Turkey the Soviet Union would not embarass Turkey if the latter was involved in action arising from protection of the "Turkish vital sphere of interest."

Turkey replied to Russia in a similar vein several days ago. it was said.—United Press.

Sensation in Ankara

Vichy. Mar. 25.

The news of a Russo-Turkish declaration to be published simultane-

[Reuter.

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Soviet-Turkish Pact Analyzed

Diplomatic Victory Seen By "Asahi" Newspapers; Question of Neutrality

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

The Soviet-Turkish mutual declaration exchange today was interpreted as a diplomatic victory for Russia by the "Asahi" newspapers.

"Unmistakably," said an editorial which appeared in all the "Asahi" newspapers which are published throughout Japan "The Soviet Union desires to maintain neutrality in the current European war and Turkey's decision to conclude a non-aggression declaration with Russia in the midst of the tense Balkan situation, is nothing short of a manifestation of Turkey's desire also to maintain neutrality.

"Moscow is concerned about Turkey," the editorial said, "because of Russia's concern over security of the Black Sea and the Dardanelles. Hence, Russia does not want to see Turkey involved in a war which might spread to the Dardanelles and which in turn would drag in the Soviet Union.

Through conclusion of the non-aggression declaration the Soviet Union fully supports Turkey's neutrality stand and the Kremlin scores another diplomatic success."—United Press.

Poppy to Be Grown in Some N. China Areas

Six Districts Specified by Opium Suppression Bureau

Peiping, Mar. 25.

The Peiping office of the North China Opium Suppression Bureau has named six special districts in Hopei where the cultivation of poppy will be allowed, according to a Chung Hua News Agency message quoted in the "Chen Pao."

The six districts (hsien) are: Chochow, Lianghsiang, Fangshan, Laishui, Hsushui, and Hsicheng, which cover an acreage of 25,000 mow. Farmers wishing to plant poppy in these areas must apply to the Bureau or its branch offices before April 30.

In areas outside these six districts the cultivation of poppy will not be permitted.—Reuter.

New Transatlantic Air Service Subsidized

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday approved a subsidy of $800,000 to enable the American Export Lines to establish a new Transatlantic air service.—Reuter.

Chungking, Nanking Banks Guarded Against Outrages

U.S. Marines Active in Their Sector; Russian Watchman at Canidrome Among Victims

BENT on preventing any repetition of bombing outrages in the International Settlement and French Concession, the authorities of the two foreign areas reinforced the protection of all Chungking and Nanking banks here yesterday, while U.S. Marines and members of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment of the Shanghai Municipal Police patrolled the streets from early morning.

The Marine Sector, west of Yu Ya Ching Road, resembled an armed camp yesterday as members of the Corps were seen in the streets, either patrolling the thoroughfares or keeping guard over various buildings in the district. The Central District, where the majority of Chinese banks are situated, was well guarded by members of the Shanghai Municipal Police and Russian Auxiliary Detachment. These guards were detailed even to the former premises of the Bank of Communications, at the corner of the Bund and Hankow Road, now occupied by the Japanese. The Central Reserve Bank, established by Nanking at 15 the Bund, was one of the strongest guarded, with two Russians and several Chinese policemen, in addition to the bank guards. The latter were seen at the side entrance with mausers in hand or stuck behind their belts.

Guards Posted

The China Motors, scene of one of Monday's bombing outrages, had its front closed by boards. The rear part of the building was guarded by U. S. Marines. The other branch of the Central Bank of China, at the Canidrome, was also guarded.

Although no developments were reported, detectives from Sinza and Bubbling Well stations and those of the French Police continued their investigations. No more deaths were recorded yesterday, although several employees of the Central Bank of China of the Burkill Road branch were still in danger, it was learned.

Only one member of the Shanghai Municipal Police was wounded in the bombing, this being C.P.C. 2778. He was progressing favourably at the Police Hospital. The policeman sustained minor body injuries, being hit by fragments. He was first taken to the Paulun Hospital, together with the other victims, but was later removed to the Police Hospital.

One foreigner, it was learned yesterday, was injured in the explosion at the Canidrome. The man in question is Mr. A. A. Picar, a Russian employed as a watchman of the Central Bank of China. He was on the premises when the bomb went off and was hit in the leg by a flying brick. His injury was not considered serious at the Russian Hospital, where he was given treatment.

Some fifteen shots were fired by the three Russian watchmen employed by the Central Bank of China at the Canidrome when the bomb exploded. The watchmen, it is said, thought

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British Ships at Honghoi Bay When Japanese Force Landing

Various Landings Made Along Kwangtung Coast; Swabue, Haikow, Other Ports Occupied

Canton, Mar. 25.

FIVE British ships and the Chinese vessel Taiming, flying the Union Jack, were seen discharging goods destined for Chungking at Honghoi Bay, north of Bias Bay, where Japanese forces effected a surprise landing yesterday morning, it was reported here last night.

According to a Japanese communique, the troops are advancing towards an undisclosed place, in concert with other detachments who landed in Bias Bay a few days ago.

Commenting on the action at a press conference yesterday afternoon, a Japanese spokesman revealed that operations in this district since March 17 had resulted in the capture of large quantities of materials, including 35,000 rifle bullets, 1,500 drums of petrol 40 tons of salt and more than 10 tons of tungsten from local mines destined for Hongkong.

Chinese troops in the districts of Pingholhsien, Penangwha and Pangtow had been routed and were fleeing towards Youngchuchu, leaving nearly 1,200 dead, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

Making Progress

Canton, Mar. 25.

Japanese Army forces which landed yesterday at various points on the eastern Kwangtung Province coast, continued to make rapid progress inland in close pursuit of the retreating Chinese, the press bureau of the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in South China announced in a communique issued this morning.

While one column landed in Honghai Bay and seized Swabue, another struck northward to occupy Haikow at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, meeting only slight resistance on its way, the announcement stated.

Large quantities of supplies and war materials were seized at Haikow, according to the communique. Japanese troops which landed at Chaoyang were also extending gains, the announcement concluded.

Immediately after the reduction of Chaoyang, a political committee was formed and is now cooperating with the Japanese forces to maintain peace and order and administer the city, it was reported.

Other reports disclosed that four Japanese detachments have seized Shuihsingshan, famous for its alluvial gold, and are now mopping up the sector. The Japanese drive on Shuihsingshan was carried out against Chungking forces massed at the foot of the Pengfei mountains.—Domei.

Shipping Disrupted

Hongkong, Mar. 25.

Capture of the strategic town of Swabue by Japanese forces has caused a complete disruption of all shipping facilities between Hongkong and Swabue, it was reported here today.—Domei.

Port Occupied

Swabue, Mar. 25.

Haifung, pivotal transportation centre straddling the Waiyeung-Chaoan Highway, was occupied yesterday afternoon by Japanese forces which landed at Henghai Bay, 110 kilometres northwest of Hongkong at dawn the same day.

Meanwhile, another Japanese column seized Shuikingshan, placer gold mining centre across the bay from Swabue.

Haifung became an important centre for transportation of military supplies and commodities landed along the coast into the interior of Kwangtung Province, following the cutting off the Hongkong-Shayuyung route by the Japanese landing operations of February 4.

Six steamers of British registry plied between Hongkong and Swabue for transportation purposes.—Domei.

Fighting Around Shangkao

Central China, Mar. 24.

Japanese units, which occupied Shangkao yesterday, tonight drove off the main body of the Chinese 74th Army north of Shangkao and occupied the heights two kilometres north of the city, according to Japanese army reconnaissance flights.

It was reported that Japanese units were continuing a severe offensive against the last defence line of the Chinese troops, while another body of Japanese forces, which drove up north against remnants of the 70th Army, reversed its direction and is now making a rapid advance to the south-west along the Wukiao River.—Domei.

Offensive Resumed

Northern Kiangsi, Mar. 25.

The main force of the Chungking 74th Divisions deserted its positions on hills on the outskirts of Shangkao, strategic town in northern Kiangsi, early this morning when seven Japanese detachments resumed their fierce offensive and pounded the Chinese defence positions.

These Japanese detachments are now engaged in a running fight, driving Chungking troops to the north bank of the Chin River. The walled-town of Shangkao fell into the Japanese hands on Sunday afternoon.—Domei.

Ordos Desert Operations

Paotow, Mar. 24.

Culminating their offensive launched on Thursday with the assistance of army aircraft, Japanese detachments defeated Chungking troops in the Ordos desert, inflicting upon them heavy losses, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, a Japanese garrison at Tungtasheh, 40 kilometres southeast of Paotow, on Thursday routed the Chungking 81st Army and 35th Division troops who started operating in the neighbourhood of Tungtasheh.

In the vicinity of Tashuiwan, 15 kilometres southeast of Paotow, 2,000 enemy troops were dispersed by the Japanese, while 3,000 other Chungking troops who were spotted in the neighbourhood of Suitengchao, 40 kilometres southwest of Paotow, were driven back to the Ordos desert by the Japanese.

During these engagements, Chungking troops suffered a loss of 450 killed in addition to 60 captured by the Japanese. Booty gained by the Japanese included 70 rifles and large quantities of other arms and ammunition.—Domei.

U.S. Policy in Far East Debated

Mr. McNutt, Col Theodore Roosevelt, Two Pressmen Expound Views on Radio

Washington, Mar. 25.

Far Eastern experts, including the former Philippines High Commissioner, Mr. Paul V. McNutt, the former Philippines Governor-General, Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., and the well known newspaperman, Mr. Robert Aura Smith, clashed in radio debate recently on America's policy in the Far East.

All three agreed on maximum aid to China. A fourth debater, Mr. William Henry Chamberlin, writer and foreign correspondent, urged a policy of caution, lest the United States become embroiled in a Far Eastern war, while Britain faced collapse in Europe.

Mr. McNutt repeated the proposal he has made in the past—that the United States should consider the advisability of postponing Philippine independence. Col. Roosevelt, son of the president who was instrumental in acquiring original sovereignty over the Philippines, differed from Mr. McNutt's view.

Mr. Smith favoured retention of the Philippines, while Mr. Chamberlin urged American withdrawal from the Far East at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. McNutt, restating the position he has held ever since he first urged "realistic reexamination" of Philippine independence in 1938, said that "abandoning our position in the Asiatic waters to appease a foreign nation would more than seriously impair our prestige as a world power."—United Press.

Japanese Diet Adjourning Today

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Both the House of Peers and the House of Representatives, which have been in recess since March 2, met at a plenary session today.

After disposing of outstanding measures, the Diet completed its business for the current 76th session. The closing ceremony of the Diet will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow.—Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Ministry Expected

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Mr. Ichizo Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, yesterday revealed that he was favourably considering a suggestion for establishment of a new post of Minister without portfolio whose sole duty would be to increase steel and coal production.—United Press.

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Berlin Sensation

Berne, Mar. 25.

A sensation has been caused in Berlin by the report that the U.S. authorities have handed back to the Canadian Government two German officers, prisoners of war who had escaped into the United States from a prisoners' camp in Canada, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich paper "Tat."—Havas Telemondial.

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U.S. Marines in W. Indies

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Mar. 25.

A detachment of 100 United States Marines have arrived here. They are officially described as "a token force, symbolizing the cooperation of the United States and Britain in the establishment of Carribean bases."—Reuter.

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U.S. Tanker on Fire

Aboard ss. Pan New York at Sea, Mar. 25.

Nineteen men were not accounted for and feared lost early today as the 9,315-ton oil tanker Denver blazed from stem to stern 80 miles south of Cape Lookout, North Carolina.—United Press.—

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Resignation Rejected

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Republican National Committee unanimously rejected the resignation of Mr. Joseph W. Martin, chairman of the committee, last night and insisted that he should continued to hold his post, it was officially announced by the G.O.P. today.—United Press.

Chinese Claim Advances In Northern Kiangsi

Chungking, Mar. 25.

According to the Central News Agency, Chinese forces counter-attacking in Northern Kiangsi have advanced to the outer defence of Kaoan, which they reached last Saturday night. Severe fighting is said to be going on around this city.

A Japanese column which arrived upon the scene of hostilities from Fenghsin suffered more than 4,000 casualties by Sunday morning. The remnants of this column were compelled to retreat to the East with Chinese troops pursuing them.—Havas Telemondial.

French Utility Co. Strike Settled

It was learned early this morning that the employees of the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electriques de Shanghai would be definitely on their jobs today. According to information obtainable, the strikers have agreed to return to work pending negotiations for higher pay and living allowances. Those to resume today will be motormen, chauffeurs and conductors of the tram and bus departments, and the workers of the power and water plants. (story on page 3).

*Yugoslavia Joins Axis

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Porvan Draganoff, Rumania by its Minister to Berlin, M. Raoul Bossy; and Slovakia by M. Matsu Cernak, its Minister to Germany.

Chancellor Hitler gave a big reception to all diplomats attending the signing ceremony at 2.30 p.m. and it was understood that Yugoslavia's huge delegation of 42 aides all attended the function.—United Press.

Seething With Unrest

Belgrade, Mar. 25.

The Cabinet crisis here appeared to be temporarily patched up but the population was seething with unrest.

Two men took oaths as new Cabinet Ministers, replacing two others who resigned, while the status of a third Minister, who had successively resigned, withdrawn his resignation and then resigned again, was in doubt.

Despite denials in the highest circles, it was reliably reported that Dr. Mikhajlo Constantinovitch, again had resigned as Minister of Justice. He sent a letter of resignation to M. Dragisha Tsvetkovitch yesterday at 6 p.m. If the resignation was accepted, it was said, some other Cabinet member may act temporarily as a substitute Minister of Justice.

M. Dragomir Konitch took the oath as new Minister of Social Welfare and M. Caslav Nikitovitch was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture, replacing respectively, M. Srdjan Budiskljevitch and M. Branko Cubrilovitch, who were placed at the disposal of Prince Paul, the Regent.

Meanwhile, the Minister of War and Navy, General Petar Pesic, issued an order of strict preparedness. All army officers and soldiers were ordered to be confined to their barracks until further orders.—United Press.

Moscow Minister Resigns

Moscow, Mar. 25.

The Yusoglav Minister to Moscow, M. Milan Gabrilovich, resigned yesterday because of his Government's pro-Axis policy, authoritative quarters said today.

M. Gabrilovich is internationally known as a Socialist-Agrarian and has long been an opponent of the Axis. He is also known for favouring a pro-Allied policy.—United Press.

Reported Withdrawal

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

M Mihail Constantinovitch, the Minister of Justice, has withdrawn his resignation from the Yugoslav Cabinet and will remain at his post.

It may be recalled that following the Cabinet meeting last Thursday evening, when the Yugoslav Government decided to join the Japan-Axis alliance, the Ministers of Justice, Agriculture and Social Welfare resigned from the Cabinet in protest against the decision.—Havas Telemondial.

New State Commissioner

London, Mar. 25.

The board of directors of the Belgrade radio station has been dissolved by order of the Government and a State commissioner installed, according to reports reaching here from the Yugoslav capital. The new commissioner is stated to be M. Jovanovitch, formerly chief censor and known for his por-German tendencies.

Recently, the Belgrade radio has been giving patriotic programmes which have stimulated the spirit of resistance of the public to the Government's policy of concessions to Germany.—Reuter.

Movements of Ex-Premier

Athens, Mar. 25.

Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch, former pro-Axis Yugoslav Premier and leader of the Yugoslav Radical Union, who is now reported to be in British hands, travelled through Greece on March 18 and embarked on a foreign ship at Salonika, according to Athens newspaper reports.

He was accompanied by two Serbs, and left Greek territory immediately, the reports say.—Reuter.

Mainly Economic

New York, Mar. 25.

The German-Yugoslav pact to be signed in Vienna today will bear little resemblance to those signed by Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, according to the Belgrade correspondent of the "New York Times."

It will contain no military clauses, the correspondent says, and will not call for the demobilization of the Yugoslav army. Its provisions are mainly economic, but Germany will be permitted the use of Yugoslav railways for hospital—and munitions trains, the correspondent reveals.—Reuter.

U.S. Disappointed

New York, Mar. 25.

After the protracted crisis, American opinion was prepared for the Yugoslav concessions and accepts the position with disappointment but not with alarm. While radio commentators and leader writers find consolation in the stubbornness of the Yugoslav resistance.

It is willing to believe that the Serbs will prove the toughest proposition that the Nazis have tackled yet, and reports from Belgrade of the hostility to the government "sell out" are welcomed.

The "New York Times" says that the terms of the surrender are not those Hitler wanted and "the struggle he had dragging the Yugoslavs to Vienna makes it all too evident that, through he gained their signature, he has not won their cooperation.

"Each new signature he collects costs more concessions. The new order grows less attractive as it spreads and Hitler's power is weakening as he advances. For him the last step is the hardest."—Reuter.

*Russia Tells Turkey

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ously in Moscow and Ankara caused a sensation in the Turkish capital, according to an Ankara telegram to the official French agency.

It was pointed out in Ankara that negotiations ending in its signature were begun on the initiative of Russia. The preamble explained tha Russia wished to signify by an official document that she had no intention whatever of attacking Turkey, or taking advantage of any aggression against that country.

In the two clauses that followed, Moscow assured Ankara of its neutrality should Turkish territory be attacked and the third clause expressed reciprocal intentions on the part of Turkey.—Reuter.

Trade Negotiations

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

With a view to increasing trade between the two countries, the Yugoslav and Soviet Governments have decided to commence trade negotiations next April. It was officially announced here today.—Havas Telemondial.

Set-back to Germany

Ankara, Mar. 25.

The Soviet assurances to Turkey are considered here to have restored the atmosphere of mutual understanding existing prior to the Finnish war, and to a great extent to have removed apprehension over Turkey's eastern frontier.

The declaration simultaneously dealt a knock-out blow to German propagandists in Turkey who have been fostering the idea that the U.S.S.R. would stab Turkey in the back if she became involved in a war.

Moscow's attitude is considered of vital importance to Germany owing to the latter's economic dependence on the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

Balkan Situation Seen Clarified By Japan

Political Significance Declared Great

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Yugoslavia's adherence to the Tripartite Pact tonight was seen by official Japansce circles as rendering the trend of the Balkan situation "definitely clear."

The Information Board in an announcement released tonight said that with this development coupled with "the historic visit of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka to Berlin taking place tomorrow, we can well imagine the gratification of the peoples of Germany and Italy."

Declaring that Yugoslavia's action had "great political significance," the announcement said relations between Japan and Yugoslavia would be "increasingly closer."

The announcement read: "Following the participation a short time ago of Hungary, Rumania, Slovakia, and Bulgaria in the Three-Power Pact, Yugoslavia also has decided to join, and the protocol concerning her participation was signed today at the Belvedere Palace in Vienna between the plenipotentiaries of Japan, Germany and Italy, and the plenipotentiary of Yugoslavia.

"Contents of the protocol are exactly similar to those of the participation of Hungary and the others.

"In view of the fact that Yugoslavia is an influential nation in the Balkans, her course of action has for some time past attracted attention, and her participation in the Tripartite Pact has great diplomatic significance.

"Since 1924, Japan has maintained friendly relations with Yugoslavia by appointing her Minister to Rumania concurrently Minister to Yugoslavia, but at present, on account of the absence of our Minister to Rumania, the Japanese Minister to Hungary is in charge of matters pertaining to relations between Japan and Yugoslavia.

"Needless to say, cordial relations between Japan and Yugoslavia will become increasingly closer through the latter's participation in the Three-Power Pact."—Domei.

New Burma Road Orders Published in Press

South-West Transport To Control Route

Chungking, Mar. 25.

Transportation over the Burma Road will be placed henceforth under the control of the South-West Transportation Bureau, the Chinese official "Central Daily News" announced this morning.

New regulations approved by the National Military Council provide that henceforth all Government and private motor vehicles carrying goods out of China over the Burma Road must be placed under the control of the South-West Transportation Bureau.

The new regulations will first be enforced along the western section of the Yunnan-Burma highway. Those carriers who own their own trucks must apply for transit permits from the South-West Transportation Bureau, according to the new regulations. Those who do not possess their own trucks must load their goods in trucks which carry goods into China from Burma but which return along the Burma Road unloaded.

Failure to comply with these regulations will render the goods and trucks concerned liable to confiscation by the Government.—Reuter.

Franco-Japanese Talks Progressing

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Economic talks between Japan and France regarding French Indo-China are progressing smoothly, Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy Spokesman of the Information Board, told foreign correspondents this morning. Mr. Hajime Matsumiya, Japanese Ambassador, met French delegates yesterday, Mr. Ishii revealed.—Domei.

French Ship Brings Troops to Indo-China

Saigon, Mar. 25.

Approximately 100 French officers and 1,100 native soldiers and labourers arrived here today from France aboard the French steamer Eridam.—United Press.

*Banks Guarded In Shanghai

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that terrorists had entered the building and that they had thrown a bomb as they did so.

The interesting point of the bombing in the International Settlement and French Concession is the fact that the infernal machines, in each case, were brought by men disguised as postmen. The Chinese papers reported yesterday that all the bombed banks had received threatening letters prior to the bombing.

Communists Blamed

The "Bing Pao," a pro-Nanking newspaper, blamed the dissension between the Chungking régime and the Communists for the incidents. Following the dissolution of the New Fourth Route Army ordered by the Chungking régime under the cloak of disciplinary action, a number of members of the New Fourth Route Army, claimed the journal, came to Shanghai surreptitiously and planned reprisals against Chungking organs. As a result, concluded the report, these bombings had taken place.

The sight of police vans rushing to Ningpo Road at 12.38 p.m. yesterday gave ground for rumours to the effect that another bank had been bombed. It was later learned, however, that four armed robbers had entered a Chinese office on the second floor of 222 Ningpo Road. An alarm was raised and the robbers decamped without stealing anything.

Yet another explosion occurred in the Settlement yesterday and this, too, was believed to have been a bombing outrage. Police investigations, however, revealed that at 1.30 p.m. an assistant of a scrap metal shop at 650 Hart Road was hammering at a part of an old percussion cap of a shell and caused it to explode. He sustained slight injuries to his left hand.

The turning out of Marines to patrol their sector resulted in the arrest of three uniformed Chinese at the corner of Moulmein and Weihaiwei Roads yesterday. The men were dressed in Peace Preservation Corps uniforms. They were taken to the Marine Headquarters and were later allowed to proceed to Chapei. This was, according to a Marine official, the usual procedure employed with uniformed Chinese.

The Chinese court in Weihaiwei Road was also guarded by Marines and this measure will be carried on while terroristic activities are prevalent in Shanghai. Even the Chengtu Road police station had two Marines stationed in the compound.

Soviet Spy Deported From United States

Sails for Vladivostok In Swedish Steamer

Los Angeles, Mar. 25.

Mr. Mikhail Gorin, former head of the Soviet Intourist bureau here, sailed yesterday for Vladivostok on the Swedish steamer Columbia. Mr. Gorin had been convicted and sentenced for obtaining United States naval information for Japan but sentence was suspended on condition that he immediately leave the United States and never returned.—United Press.

Nairobi Murder Hearing Continues

Natrobi, Mar. 25.

A lunch scene, in which Sir Delves Broughton is alleged to have burst into tears after saying how upset he was about Lord Errol's death, for Lady Broughton's sake, was related in evidence at the continued hearing of the charge against Sir Delves of murdering Lord Errol.

Reference also was made to an incident at a dinner the night before the tragedy, when, it is alleged, Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Errol and wished them every happiness in the future. The subject of an heir was mentioned, and Sir Delves Broughton toasted Lady Broughton, Lord Errol and their future child.—Reuter.

Shipping Losses 31,000 Tons

London, Mar. 25.

Allied shipping losses for the week ending March 16 totalled 23 ships, aggregating 31,773 tons, is announced in London.

Seventeen British and six Allied ships were lost. Tonnage of Allied ships was 19,903.

The losses for the week show a further fall in Britain's reverses in the battle of the Atlantic.

Meanwhile enemy ships lost since last reported a few weeks ago have been about 300,000 tons. Since the beginning of the war German losses by capture, sinking or scuttling have been approximately 1,449,000 tons and the Italian, 790,000 tons. In addition they have suffered the loss of about 60,000 tons of neutral shipping under their control or useful to them.—Reuter.

Robbers Steal $4,000 In Wayside District

Armed with two real and two dummy pistols, a gang of ten desperadoes entered 1041/15 Point Road at 8.40 p.m. yesterday and got away a few minutes later with approximately $4,000 in cash, valuables and clothing.

Japan Tea for Russia?

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Much can be expected of the commercial negotiations now in progress in Moscow, particularly in promoting the export of green tea from Japan, according to the magazine Diamond.—Havas Telemondial.

*Stalin Meets Matsuoka

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Added importance was given to yesterday's conference between M. Viacheslav Molotov and Mr. Matsuoka by the presence of M. Joseph Stalin.

It is pointed out that the Soviet leader very rarely takes part in conversations with foreign statesmen and usually only if the ground has already been prepared for an agreement in principle.

It had been generally believed that political conversations between Soviet Government officials and Mr. Matsuoka would be held only upon the latter's return from Germany and Italy.

Japanese-Soviet relations have been improving of late particularly since January 20 last when a permanent Soviet-Japanese fisheries commission was set up at that time, Soviet observers had indicated that the time was ripe for a rapprochement between the two countries since their relations were entering upon an active phase.—Havas Telemondial.

Scene at Departure

Mr. Matsuoka was seen off at the Beylo-Russia station by Mr. S. A. Lozovsky, director of the Protocol Division of the Foreign Commissariat, the Japanese Ambassador, Lieut.-Gen. Yoshitsugu Tatekawa; the German Ambassador, Count Werner von der Schulenburg; the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Augusto Rosso, other Soviet officials and the Ministers of the Axis powers.

Previous to his departure, Mr. Matsuoka categorically denied to Domei reports that he had met the American Ambassador, Mr. Laurence A. Steinhardt, and the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, before proceeding to the Kremlin where he conferred for 90 minutes with M. Stalin and M. Viacheslav M. Molotov, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars and concurrently Foreign Commissar.

Mr. Matsuoka also laughlingly dismissed the rumour that M. Erik Labonne, French Ambassador, had been present at the Kremlin when the Japanese Foreign Minister met the Soviet leaders.—Domei.

May Visit Other Cities

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Broadly hinting that the Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka may visit other European cities as well as Rome and Berlin, the Deputy Spokesman of the Japanese Information Board, this morning, told foreign correspondents that Mr. Matsuoka "could go to London if he wished."

The Foreign Minister, who left Moscow for Berlin at 11 o'clock last night will arrive at the Reich capital tomorrow for a four-day stay. Mr. Ishii said, Leaving Berlin on March 31, Mr. Matsuoka will proceed directly to Rome where he will stay three days.

The Deputy Spokesman emphasized that Mr. Matsuoka would not break off the journey between Berlin and Rome.

Questioned about Mr. Matsuoka's plans after visiting Rome, the Deputy Spokesman replied: "I do not know where he will stop over on his trip back home." and added, "He could go to London if he wished" when queried about the rumour that Mr. Matsuoka will possibly proceed to London after visiting Rome. "But I hope he will not be shot down while flying to London," the Deputy Spokesman laughingly added.

Mr. Ishii stated that he had received no official information regarding the nature of Monday's interview between Mr. Matsuoka and the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Viacheslav Molotov, and M. Josef Stalin, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, though he had been informed about the Matsuoka programme and activities in Moscow.—Domei.

Berlin Prepares

Berne, Mar. 25.

With Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka expected to arrive in Berlin tomorrow, preparations feverishly are being completed in the German capital to give the visiting statesman a brilliant welcome, the Berlin correspondent of the "Journal de Geneve" reported today.

Workers are erecting huge white poles around the railway station and the district where most of the diplomatic offices are situated. On these poles, German and Japanese flags will alternate.

During the eight or ten days Mr. Matsuoka is expected to remain in Berlin, his time will be taken up by conferences and with receptions.—Havas Telemondial.

Vichy Denies Japanese Reports

Vichy, Mar. 25.

The Government last night officially denied Japanese reports that Annam had demanded wider autonomy and that Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has consented to allow the "king of Annam to live at Hue."

The official denial pointed out that there was no King of Annam but Emperor Bao Dai, who always has resided at Hue.—United Press.

Japanese Telegraphic Expert Coming Here

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Mr. Shizuo Honda, engineering expert of the Asia Development Board, will leave Tokyo shortly for Shanghai and Nanking in order to study various problems regarding telegraphic connections between Japan and China.—Domei.

President to Announce U.S. Defence Programme

Washington, Mar. 25.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the President, yesterday said the President would announce detailed plans for a voluntary home defence programme as soon as he returns from his present fishing trip in the Gulf Stream.—United Press.

One of the most uproarious characterizations ever to come to the screen is provided by Willie Best in his role of "Hipp" in support of Guy Kibbee, who plays "Scattergood Baines" in the RKO Radio film by that name.

Invasion Attempt Said Repulsed

New York, Mar. 25.

The "New York Daily News" short wave radio station intercepted the Australian radio quoting invalided Australian soldiers returning home as saying that the British repulsed an attempt by 60,000 German troops on barges to invade England last September, the "Daily News" reported today.

The Australian radio was quoted by the "Daily News" as saying, "The men asserted that the Navy and the Royal Air Force met the Germans halfway across the Channel and the North Sea and quickly smashed up the invasion attempt."—United Press.

Russian Girls Enter Manchoukuo Filmdom

12 Out of 42 Selected to Become Movie Stars

Harbin, Mar. 25.

Twelve Russian girls, blondes, brunettes and one redhead whose ages range from 16 to 22, have entered the Manchoukuo movie world. Selected from 42 eager applicants by the Manchoukuo Motion Picture Corporation, these girls are to be trained for stardom.

They have passed all photographic tests, posing, singing, dancing, walking and other feats demanded of a movie star.

The first six girls have already departed for Changchun to begin their studies. In Harbin they leave behind countless taxi-dancers and waitresses, all of whom imagine their long cherished dreams of becoming a film star are at last taking definite form.—Reuter.

Philippines Defence Areas Specified

President Roosevelt Names Specific Regions

Washington, Mar. 25.

President Roosevelt has designated Subic Bay in the Philippines as a defensive sea area, it was disclosed here yesterday.

The President also designated air space above and territory and surrounding waters adjacent to Subic Bay as defensive areas and made a similar designation for the naval reservation at Olangapo.

Kodiak Island, Alaska, also was designated as a naval defensive sea area.—United Press.

U.S. May Face Sugar Shortage

Washington, Mar. 25.

The United States may face a sugar shortage which cannot be met by suspension of sugar quotes because of shipping bottoms shortages, well informed sugar economists said here yesterday.

The U.S., they said, now are carrying the burden of supplying refined sugar to the North American continent as well as Britain, Spain and France. Cuban sugar destined for Europe is being shipped to refineries and then to Nova Scotia where British vessels pick it up.—United Press.

"Turkish Bayonets Will Protect Turkey"

Istanbul, Mar. 25.

"If the nations are the chief judges, war alone can safeguard the sacred trust inherited from Kemal Ataturk; the people will instantly and unhesitantly take up the fight," writes the "Vatan" discussing the latest developments in the Balkans.

The newspaper adds: "The full weight of 2,000,000 Turkish bayonets will then be thrown into the final issue of the war, and the Turkish civilian population will indisputably follow the heroic British people."—Reuter.

Military Mission From China in New Delhi

Visitors Entertained by Lord Linlithgow

New Delhi, Mar. 25.

An unofficial Chinese goodwill military mission, led by Gen. Shang Chen, arrived here yesterday, which will extend to Thursday, they will be entertained by the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, and the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck.

The mission will leave on Thursday on a three-week tour of places of military importance, including the North-West Frontier (particularly Peshawar), Poona and Calcutta, from where they will return to China.—Reuter.

Government Charters Liner Washington

Washington, Mar. 25.

The War Department yesterday announced it had chartered the United States luxury liner ss. Washington and that it would immediately begin operating as a transport.

The War Department declined to discuss where the 24,000 ton vessel was going. The Navy Department announced the Washington had been renamed the U.S.S. Catlin.—United Press.

Dr. Vidal To Commence Consultations Tomorrow

As previously announced in this paper, Dr. Vidal, famous French specialist of the "Grand Sympathetic Nerve", is due to commence his consultations to-morrow at the Cathay Hotel, Suite 707.

Dr. Vidal's method is based on the effecting of certain vibrations on specified points within the nasal mucous membrane and provoking in this way a curing reaction. This technique has been carefully perfected by Dr. Vidal during the last few years and enables him to obtain amazing cures of many ailments such as asthma, rheumatism and certain cases of paralysis. This method also cures nervous troubles (insomnia, headaches, exaggerated nervousness, nervous depression, impotency); digestive troubles (stomachache, enteritis, constipation); troubles of the circulation of the blood (hypertension, irregular or painful periodical troubles, change of age).

Many cures have also been reported of children affected with nervous troubles, or subject to abnormally slow physical or intellectual development. Dr. Vidal will receive patients daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.—ADVT.

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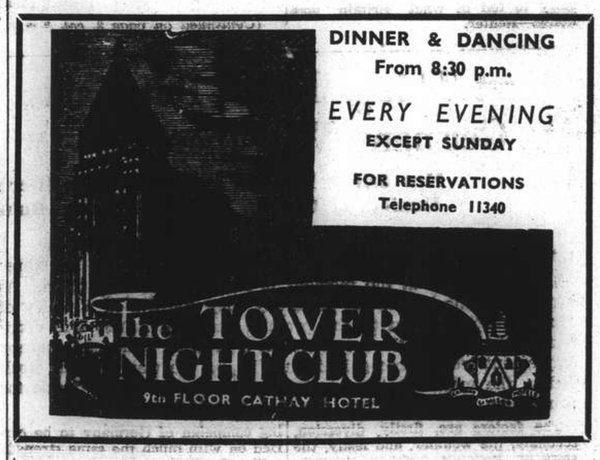

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Annual Meeting of China Bible House Today

Report of British and Foreign Bible Society For 1940 Shows Work Continuing in China

THE annual meeting of the Shanghai Auxiliary of the China Bible House will be held today, when the report for 1940 of the society will be presented to members. The China Bible House is an amalgamation of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society. The 1940 report of the former gives some indication of the tremendous task undertaken by the societies, all over the world, in distributing bibles in many languages.

After a general introduction the British and Foreign Bible Society Report goes on to state:—

"If we are convinced that the Bible is every man's book, it follows that every man has the right to possess it: and this is the *raison d'etre* of the Bible Society. To put the Bible into the hands of every man who will receive it is the society's sole aim, and from its foundation to the present time every effort has been made "to encourage the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment." How far these efforts have been successful may be gauged from the records of circulation which have been carefully kept for every year of the Society's history; and, without going into details, we may look at the totals for the whole period. Since 1804, more than 83 million Bibles, 120 million New Testaments, and 317 million portions have been circulated by the society—a grand total of over 520 million volumes of the World of God. . . . .

Increased Activity

"For a third of last year war was raging in Europe and it would have been understandable if the circulation of the Scriptures had, in consequence, suffered severely; but, so far from this happening, we are in a position to report the substantial increase of 724,000 books over the previous year.

The total circulation was 11,763,666 volumes, this figure being made up of 1,004,521 bibles, 1,560,131 New Testaments and 9,199,014 portions, but it should be remembered that these figures were, in some instances, for a period of thirteen months instead of twelve. Nevertheless, there is every reason for thankfulness to God that in these days of difficulty and strife the Bible Society should have been privileged to sow the Word so plenteously in the wide field of the world."

One of the largest fields of dissemination of the gospel is, of course, in China, and the report devotes a separate chapter to this part of the the society's work. Other countries, in every part of the world are included in its activities, and the translation of the Bible into over 1,000 languages has always formed a great portion of the work of members of the society.

In dealing with China, the report says:—

Situation Here

"A year ago the Sino-Japanese War loomed large in our thoughts and in the newspapers, but now that war has broken out nearer home the struggle in the Far East has fallen into the background. But that struggle still goes on, and China is still steeped in the horrors and agonies that have been her lot for three years. When we turn our thoughts to the work of the Bible Society in China we are brought face to face with this long-drawn-out ordeal.

"During the past year almost every missionary in China has been awed and impressed by the way in which, through the whole country, thousands of people of all classes have turned to the Bible to discover what the Word has to say on questions that are tearing at their hearts,' writes the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth in introducing his report for China. In this report we read of 'refugee children learning their first characters from one of the Gospels; of students and professors searching for a new way of Life; of soldiers and their officers catching sight of the Life of the ages; of farmers meeting with consolation and encouragement; of old-time scholars making a fresh start.'

"Mr. Hudspeth remarks that whereas it was known that the Bible meets the needs of the heart in peace-time, it is now seen to be equally satisfying in war-time—'an additional proof that the Bible is what the Church has always claimed —the Book of books, the book for every man.'

Two Societies

"The British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society now work hand in hand in the distribution of the Word of God in China, and the figures of circulation for the two Societies are most encouraging. In the course of the year 123,068 Bibles, 111,532 New Testaments, and 3,737,384 portions were circulated—an increase of 483,395 books over the previous year. Of this total 2,296,000 were distributed by our Society.

"One explanation of the urgent demand for the Scriptures is interesting. Owing to political and economic disturbances, missionaries have in some provinces been greatly reduced in number, or else confined to large centres of population, and the result is that in different parts of China there have sprung into being small, detached groups of Christians who are rather like sheep without shepherds. Without pastors, without evangelists, without missionaries, what are these isolated believers to do? They have assembled themselves together to study the Scriptures, and even though in many instances such study has been little more than a reading over of Bible passages, comfort and spiritual refreshment have come to those who have diligently sought it together.'"

Chief Clerk of Tram Co. Warned

Intimidated Into Staying Away Yesterday; Strike Enters Seventh Day

There was a bright hope yesterday that the strike of operatives of the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electriques de Shanghai, which was assuming the proportions of the worst labour deadlock in the history of the company, would be settled this morning. Questioned on the possible resumption, M. J. Favret, general manager of the company, stated late last night that trams and buses may be out this morning.

M. Favret once again reiterated that no negotiations had taken place and they would be opened the moment the strikers returned to their jobs.

The strike entered its seventh day yesterday with no signs of a settlement, but it was learned in the evening that resumption of service was but a matter of a few hours. It could not be learned, however, whether the arrested striker had been released. This, it may be pointed out, is one of the reasons why the workers have not returned to their jobs earlier.

It was learned that the Chinese chief clerk of the company had absented himself yesterday, for the first time in twenty years, as a result of intimidation. It is believed that the loss in transportation receipts to the company resulting from the week's suspension of traffic operations is in the neighbourhood of $200,000.

Although from a monetary aspect the strike has not reached the proportions of the previous strike of workers in the company, which lasted for more than a fortnight, the disgruntled workers on this occasion acted with more uniformity, indicating that the present deadlock is on a better planned and organized scale. Operators of the company's buses, trams and trolleys did not stage a gradual walk-out as on the former occasion, but suddenly at an appointed hour ceased work, leaving trams and other vehicles abandoned all over the French Concession and in some cases in out-of-the-way places such as Siccawei. In consequence it took members of the French military units the whole day to drive the vehicles back to their depot on Avenue Dubail, where the French police has been maintaining constant guard to prevent any attempt at violence.

The complete walk out of all the operatives on the transportation service of the company made it impossible for the company to maintain even the skeleton service which it introduced on the former occasion, when, it will be recalled, the strikers had to resort to open violence to persuade some of the loyal workers to join their ranks.

Thief Shot Outside Radio Station XMHA

Threats Made Against Mr. Carroll Alcott

A Chinese thief was seriously wounded by a C.P.C. outside Radio Station XMHA at 445 Race Course Road at about 6.40 a.m. yesterday after the policeman's order to stop had not been obeyed by two Chinese, who were caught in the act of stealing a lock from the station's door.

According to the police version of the affair, the C.P.C., on duty in the vicinity of the Radio Station, saw two Chinese attempt to force the lock from the door of the establishment. The policeman immediately shouted for the men to stop, but they took to their heels in an effort to evade arrest.

The C.P.C. then fired two shots, hitting one of the thieves in the back. The bullet penetrated the man's abdomen. An emergency ambulance was called and the wounded thief was taken to the Paulun Hospital in a serious condition.

Mr. Carroll Alcott, the popular radio announcer of XMHA, stated in his tiffin broadcast yesterday that threats to shoot him and Mr. E. L. Healey, the manager of the station, had been received, and disclosed that he had been trailed by foreigners after leaving the station. In consequence, he said, the vigilance of his guards and the police had been increased.

"Threats also had been made to blow up the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" yesterday, Mr. Alcott stated in the same broadcast, and went on to reveal that he had been threatened by an organization, claiming to be a Fascist party. He thought this was a cloak, intended to shift the blame to the wrong shoulders in the event of a shooting.

Detectives investigating the shooting, claimed that the affair had nothing to do with any threats received by the radio announcer. Their version was strengthened by the fact that the wounded man, when arrested, was found to be unarmed. Three locks, stolen on other occasions, were found on his person and this was another reason that the thieves had no thought other than to steal the lock. Although not absolutely sure that the other thief had not been in possession of a pistol, the police stated that the miscreant would have fired at the C.P.C. had he been armed.

The wounded man, Chia Shih-tsung, was given little hope for recovery. His accomplice escaped.

After a Birmingham Corporation bus conductress had missed her cash box, her driver turned the bus round, retraced his route, and caught the thief. He put him in his bus and drove him to the police station.

C.P.C's Awarded Municipal Medals

Courage and Devotion to Duty Described in S.M.C. Communique; Three Listed

Three Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, Chu Sui-chun (C.P.C. 424), Chen Chia-hung (C.P.C. 1896), and Chen Ching-po (C.P.C. 1945), have been awarded the Police Distinguished Conduct Medal, Class II. The first named was decorated for showing courage, quick thinking and determination in the face of danger, resulting in his wounding and capturing an armed criminal. The other two received the awards for courage, tenacity and devotion to duty in tackling and arresting an armed criminal after a gun battle.

The award of the medals, endorsed by the Commissioner of Police and unanimously recommended by the Permanent Awards Board, has been approved by the Municipal Council.

The circumstances leading to the arrest of the armed criminals are described below:—

At 10.20 a.m. on December 21, 1940 about 10 male Chinese, three of whom were armed with pistols, held up and robbed the inmates of No. 373 Kiukiang Road. The alarm by an inmate caused the robbers to decamp with only $250 in cash and jewellery valued at $50. A female inmate followed them and pursued them north along Shanse Road. C.P.C. 2257 on duty at the Nanking Hotel, 200 Shanse Road, responded to this alarm and saw two male Chinese break into a run, and turn west into Tientsin Road. He gave chase and after chasing the men for about 500 yards, one of them turned and fired a shot at the C.P.C., who after running a few more yards replied to the robbers' fire with one shot. The C.P.C. was then unfortunate to trip and fall and by the time he had risen the robbers were lost to sight. After a few moments fruitless enquiries in the vicinity the C.P.C. brought the female to the Station.

Chase on Fokien Road

In the meantime the robber in continuing his escape passed C.P.C. 1186 on duty outside of the Post Office, 424 Fokien Road, who seeing the robber running, challenged him and as he failed to stop, started in pursuit. The chase continued along Fokien Road, west along Ningpo Road and south along Chekiang Road. On reaching Ningpo and Chekiang Roads corner, C.P.C. 424 on duty thereat heard the commotion and saw the robber running, and was informed by C.P.C. 1186 that the man was a robber, took up the chase. A few yards further on, the robber, being close pressed by C.P.C. 424, pointed his pistol at him, whereupon C.P.C. 424 opened fire, firing two shots, bringing the robber to the ground, and effected his arrest. One .38 automatic pistol, with two rounds in the magazine and one jammed in the breech, was seized.

At 3.05 p.m. on January 2, 1941, C.P.C.'s 1896 and 1945 were on patrol on Ferry Road near Robison Road, when they were informed by a Chinese that he had been held up by two men (one armed) and robbed of his overcoat. This man further stated that he had followed the armed man and that he was at that moment walking south along Ferry Road. Led by the complainant, the two C.P.C.s gave chase and when near the corner of Mapai Road, the man pointed out the robber. C.P.C. 1896 immediately closed in on the robber, and seized him from the rear, by putting both armed around the robber's waist. At the same time, C.P.C. 1945 ordered the robber not to move.

C.P.C. Slightly Wounded

Instead of obeying, the robber, of very strong build, resisted and succeeded in pulling a pistol from under his jacket and firing one shot. This shot slightly wounded the palm of C.P.C. 1896 but he continued to hold the man. The robber then swung his gun around and attempted to fire at C.P.C. 1945, but the latter was quicker and fired three shots into the robber's body and seized the hand in which the robber was still holding the gun. The robber stumbled to his knees but attempted to arise again and as he had succeeded in keeping possession of the pistol, the C.P.C.s each fired a shot at him. The robber then collapsed on the ground and C.P.C. 1945 took the gun from his hand.

C.P.C. 1896 was treated in the Police Hospital for the wound to his hand, but was not detained. The bandit had five bullet wounds and died in the Police Hospital on January 3.

Thieves Cut Telephone Cables in Yangtszepoo

Telephone services were temporarily disrupted in certain places in the Pingliang district yesterday morning after a gang of wire thieves had cut telephone cables on Neikiang Road, near Pingliang Road. An alarm was received at the Yangtszepoo police station and a party attended. Two thieves were arrested and charged at the First Special District Court. The alarm was put through at 4.25 a.m.

Traffic Cases Heard in Police Court

Mr. H. M. Cumine was fined one shilling and six pence, equal to $5.75, by the Registrar, Mr. C. H. Haines, in H. M. Police Court yesterday after admitting a charge brought by the traffic department of the Municipal Police of allowing his car to exceed the waiting period on March 11 between 9 and 9.50 a.m. on Peking Road, south side, near the Bund. Mr. Cumine explained that the infraction occurred near his office as it was raining at the time.

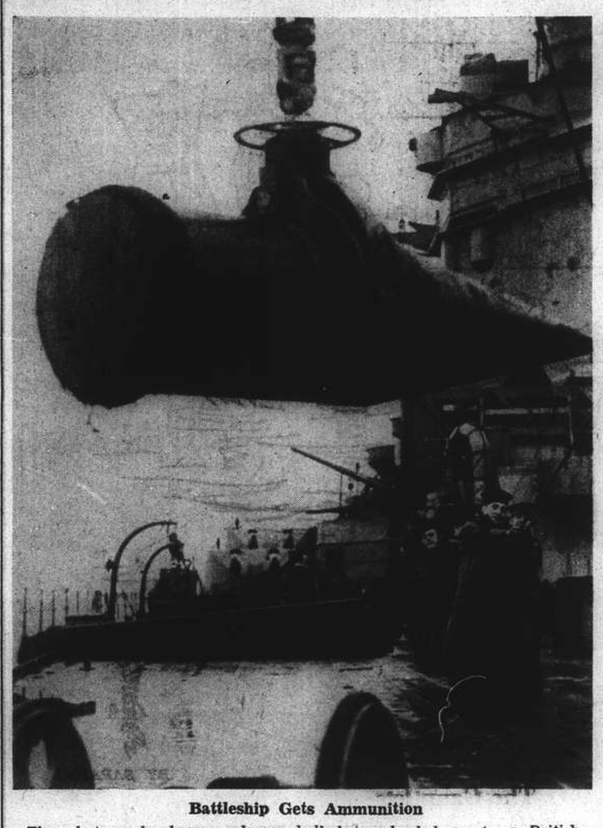
At the same session a caution was given to Mr. T. Ward, who admitted a charge of driving a car without a licence on March 2, on Nanking Road near Szechuen Road.

A caution also was given to Mrs. J. J. Evans, who pleaded that she was unintentionally delayed in reply to a charge of permitting her car to wait in a prohibited area on March 12, on Kiangse Road, west side, south of Tientsin Road, between 9.50 and 10.40 a.m. Mr. Haines pointed out that the plea amounted to one of admission.

K.D.S. Jubilee Appeal Closes Today

The King's Daughters' Society would like to remind the public of their Golden Jubilee Appeal which they close today, the day of their annual general meeting. The appeal is still about $8,000 short of their hoped for goal of $5,000. The new list of donations is as under:

Previously acknowledged	$41,160
Gibson Mr/Mrs. H. E.	100
Koch, J. L. "in memory of Mr. T. D. Davy"	25
Petersen, Mrs. Else	10
Lester Arnold Mr/Mrs. E.	150
Some Members of the Shanghai Recreation Club	50
Dacies, Eric	30
E. E. B.	10
E. H.	20
Macphail, H.	100



Battleship Gets Ammunition

The photograph shows a large shell being loaded on to a British battleship. Some idea of the power of these heavy missiles can be obtained from the size of the shell.

Government Banks Not Yet Moved

Bombed Institutions Stay Closed Yesterday; Others Do Business as Usual

The Shanghai offices of the Farmers' Bank of China and Central Bank of China which were the targets of attack in Monday's wave of political terrorism were closed yesterday temporarily, pending instructions from their head offices, while the other two Chungking government banks' branches in Shanghai, namely, the Shanghai Offices of the Bank of China and Bank of Communications still continued their business as usual under extra protection given by the Settlement authorities, in whose area they are located.

Rumours that all Chungking bank branch offices in Shanghai would withdraw in view of the intensified terrorist attacks directed against them could not be confirmed here yesterday, although informed Chinese quarters stated that the question might have been discussed by Chungking officials. It is revealed by the new régime's press that Chungking banks in Shanghai have been doing very little business except for the distribution of new bank notes, although it is admitted that the Bank of China and Bank of Communications have extensive business connections with local merchants.

Financial Situation Unaffected

It is further asserted that even should they withdraw totally it will not affect Shanghai's financial situation and that fluctuations in the foreign exchange market here are merely results of speculators' activities. Reliable Chinese sources discredited the report that there was a run on the Bank of China, explaining that if depositors did not trust their government banks then they would have no faith in Government notes which they have been using.

Terrorism has caused considerable uneasiness in the Chinese community here who have made it the subject of household discussions, and hope is expressed that the foreign authorities will do their best to prevent repetition of terroristic outbreaks. In an editorial entitled "Mourn Shanghai," the "Shun Pao" states that Shanghai should remain as it is because it is not worth fighting for. Shanghai cannot be destroyed despite the fact that it is a small area and in view of this, it has emerged unscathed throughout many turmoils. The writer appeals for patience so that the city may remain a peaceful place to live in.

B. W. A.

Wednesday, Mar. 26.—War work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. War work knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Thursday, Mar. 27.—Executive Meeting at 3 p.m. War work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon. Annual general meeting, 5.15 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 28.—Badminton, War work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road, 9 to noon. War work at Headquarters 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 29.—War work knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The Needlecraft Section ask members and friends to make a note of April 9, when they are having a sale of Easter toys at Headquarters.

The Musical and Dramatic Section are holding a children's Easter egg party on April 12. Tickets for this should be bought early. On May 1 the Musical and Dramatic Section are sponsoring a recital by Indera Devi in aid of the War Work Fund. This will be well worth seeing and members and friends are asked to keep the date free.

The agenda for the annual general meeting have been posted and members are reminded that this is an important event and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Murder Verdict Returned

A verdict that deceased died from laceration of the brain resulting from an incised wound on the forehead and that he was murdered by some person or persons unknown was delivered by H. M. Coroner, Mr. C. H. Haines, in H. M. Police Court yesterday afternoon on Baga Singh, Sikh watchman whose mutilated body was found on February 23, in the Hungjao district.

New Soviet Commander In Far East

Berlin, Mar. 25.

Gen. Joseph Apanasenko has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, says a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency. He was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Central Asia military district, and was promoted General only a month ago. The previous Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern front, Gen. Gregory Stern, won the title of "Hero of the Soviet" for his successes over the Japanese.—Reuter.

Greek National Day Observed

Celebrations More Subdued Owing to The War

The 120th anniversary of the independence of Greece was celebrated by Greeks in Shanghai in a fitting and the usual traditional way. Owing to the European situation there were no official observances, but an impressive church service was held on Monday evening at the Greek Orthodox Church of Holy Reception at 55 Route Paul Henry in the French Concession. The service each year is traditionally held on the eve of the day of independence.

Among those present at the service were Mr. E. P. Yannoulatos, the Greek Consul-General, and Mrs. Yannoulatos and a number of local members of the Greek community.

Mr. A. G. Politis, the Greek Minister to China, was unable to attend, but transmitted his goodwill message through Mr. Yannoulatos to the Greek community. There were a number of private celebrations but the customary official reception at the Greek Consulate-General at 9 Quai de France, was cancelled this year as it was decided to celebrate the day in a more subdued manner than in previous years.

The Greek War of Independence began in 1821, following almost 400 years of Turkish rule. Assisted by the French, the Greeks finally succeeded in driving out the Turks and by 1828 were in complete mastery of the country.

At Euston Stations, London, during a raid a passenger, found the station loud-speaker a distraction. It was repeating with robotesque humour: "The public are requested to exercise every effort with a view to avoiding falling off the edge of the platform."

S.M.C. to Aid to Get Rice Cargoes

Situation Here Remains Static; Meeting Held Regarding Granary

The Shanghai Municipal Council will do all in its power to secure the urgently needed freight to import rice into Shanghai from southern ports, an official of the council stated yesterday when questioned regarding the local rice situation.

The granary scheme was discussed at a meeting yesterday afternoon of Mr. T. K. Ho, a deputy secretary of the Council, and others concerned.

The critical situation regarding the cereal remained unchanged yesterday, the market being tense following the terroristic disturbances of Monday. The inclination towards a drop in prices was halted owing to limited sales.

More than 45,000 bags of Saigon rice arrived here yesterday bringing the total rice imports during the past three days to 100,000 bags, while shipments of domestic rice into Shanghai increased from 100 to 280 bags daily which, however, made little impression on the market.

A Chinese report yesterday stated that rice operators were attempting to take advantage of the exchange fluctuations for profiteering. New consignments of rice reaching here, it was stated, resulted in large scale unloading of the cereal. The report concluded that the fixing of maximum official prices by the authorities concerned is expected to regulate prices in the future.

Petain to Thank French Community in Shanghai

One Million Francs Sent To Aid Relief Work

The Shanghai Committee of the National Relief Committee in France, after two months of activity, has been able to send to Marshal Philippe Petain, the French Chief of State, for the use of the National Relief Committee, the sum of Frs. 1,000,000, being the proceeds received to this day.

A message just received by M. Roland de Margerie, French Consul-General in Shanghai, from the French Foreign Ministry states that Marshal Petain gratefully appreciated this gift of Frs. 1,000,000 from the French colony in Shanghai, which has been liberally contributing since the beginning of the war to the Red Cross and other French charitable organizations.

A personal letter of thanks from Marshal Petain to the local branch of the National Relief Committee and to those whose contribution was included in the donation will be published as soon as it reaches Shanghai.

At the same time, Marshal Petain expressed his gratitute to the Oeuvre des Dames Francaises de Changhai for the sum recently contributed by this organization for the benefit of refugees from Alsace and Lorraine.—Havas Telemondial.

Boatmen Sentenced for Kidnapping

Two persons drew three years and six months each while a third man was given one year and nine months in the First Special District Court yesterday in connection with the kidnapping of Wang Tso-ling, proprietor of a dye stuff shop in Rue du Consulat, on January 6 while the victim was travelling in a car in Tamsui Road near Avenue Foch. A pistol seized from the men was confiscated.

The three sentenced men were boatmen who were found guarding the victim in their boat in the Chinese territory by the Chinese police who rescued the victim. They were turned over to the Settlement police later, but the ringleader of the gang is believed to be still at large.

Children Give Piano Recital

All Grades of Students Heard at French School

Last Sunday on the premises of the French Municipal School, 200 Route Rémi, the pupils of Madame T. Stelnitsky, piano teacher at the Sacred Heart Convent and at the Ecole Rémi, gave a very successful recital.

A large public attended the matinée. Together with Madame R. de Margerie who, accompanied by Mademoiselle de Margerie, honoured the recital by her presence, were seen Madame Ch. Grosbois, M. H. Nicolet de Chollet, Headmaster of the Ecole Rémi, and Madame Nicolet de Chollet, M. Sax-Darnous, Director of the "Revue Nationale Française," and Madame Sax-Darnous, the Rev. Father Alexieeff, Madame Adamovitch, and other notabilities.

The programme proved to be very interesting, enabling the public to follow the various degrees a piano student goes through in the course of his studies. The first part was reserved to beginners: those present thus had the opportunity of listening to little girls whose tiny fingers danced upon the keys with a dexterity which was of great credit to the teaching methods used by Madame Stelnitsky. Then to girls already more advanced in the course, among whom was particularly noticed Miss E. Weyler.

The second part of the programme brought to the public very talented young artists, who gave interpretations of Chopin, Grieg, Kalinnikoff, Schubert, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Mozart. The playing of the Misses L. Orlova, E. Golubiatnikoff, M. Ataun, was greatly appreciated and, especially, that of Master A. Tkachenko, who, by his technique and his delicate touch, revealed a very unusual talent.

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The King's Daughters:
Last Minute Appeal

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The annual meeting of the King's Daughters' Society is being held this afternoon and we have stated that our special appeal to celebrate our Golden Jubilee Year of work in Shanghai will close to-day. We are still short by $8,000 of our hoped for goal of $50,000 and would make a last minute appeal to the ever generous public of Shanghai to help us to make up the needed amount.

We are more than grateful for the kindly support we have received and do tender sincere thanks to all our friends who have assisted us so liberally.

MABEL JANSEN.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

"A Lady's Need":
Plea for Forgiveness

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I bring my heartiest thanks to an author of the article entitled "A Lady's Need" appearing in your paper on March 22, broadly and lucidly commenting upon a personal advertisement "A sceptical young lady."

I will restrain from discussing the subject. Instead I beg to assure you that advertiser placed no hopes of finding her ideal man through the advertisement, as the article summarized justly, but to derive a bitter-sweet enjoyment by stirring a man's vanity (perhaps to provoke a due degree of resentment) of which the Saturday's advertisement in the personal column of a "relatively decent" man is a fair, although rather crude, example.

May the readers and all those who have replied to the advertisement forgive her wickedness in designing this little joke.

A SCEPTICAL YOUNG LADY.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Mr. Matsuoka's Trip:
And Japan's China Intrigue

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Judging from the recent developments of the international situation, we can be sure that Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's trip to Berlin is actually a challenging action to the Senatorial passage of the Lend-Lease Bill. Perhaps we may discuss briefly the changing Japanese policy in the Pacific. There two principal opponents that Japan must deal with at present in the Far East; the one is America and the other is China. With regard to her policy to America, even the Japanese extremists are still hesitating to risk war with Uncle Sam right now, but they are longing for more favorable conditions for further action, such as the "possible" success of Hitler's spring offensive in Europe, further weakening of China's strength due to her continuous internal conflicts, etc. Japan is now digging every possible means towards this end. Mr. Matsuoka's trip simply aims at knowing the immediate intentions of Hitler, seeking helps from the Axis leader, and winning Soviet Russia to her side if possible.

Meanwhile, Japan has realized that complete capitulation of China at present is highly impracticable because of the firm determination of the Chinese people to fight to the bitter end and the tremendous increase of American aid to China. So she is plotting deliberately still larger friction between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party. The Japanese papers are unanimous in giving exaggeration in reporting the "friction problem." The other day they even rumoured that Chungking has fixed up military arrangements to sweep down on the Communist base at Yenan, Shensi Province, and General Ho Ying-Ching is to be the commander-in-chief of that expeditionary force. Japan is dreaming of a rapprochement between Chungking and Nanking by the way of utilizing the conservative elements in Chungking to start ruthless suppression of the Chinese Communists. In so doing Japan may succeed in plunging China into civil war again and render her incapable of carrying on the war of resistance against Japan. Then both America and Britain will lose an "ally" and be compelled to stop aiding China.

This is probably the intrigue which Japan hopes to complete before she will go to war with America. We, inhabitants in China, should let our friends at home know more about it.

C. E. TANNER

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

A Parodox:
In Gas Co's Bills

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The papers are full of news concerning the acute shortage of coal and fuel in Shanghai. The Power Company has issued regulations enforcing economy in power consumption and we have learned that the Gas Company is going to do the same, with the S.M.C. already considering new rules to this effect.

You would think, therefore, that anybody trying to decrease his home consumption of gas is doing exactly the thing the Council and the Gas Co. want him to do. That is what I have thought, anyway, but I have been greatly mistaken as appears from the gas bill I have received today. I find myself charged with a "Minimum charge for gas payable by all consumers of less than 150 units a month" as a punishment for having used only 130 units during the last 28 days. The total of the bill amounts to $16.25, which does not seem to be so terribly low for a lone bachelor's one-man household. Anyway, I have been fined $2.10 to be paid for 20 units of gas consumption which I have been silly enough to economize instead of consuming them. And I am afraid I do not feel very encouraged for further economy tasks on behalf of the Power or Gas Companies' managements.

What I want to find out is this: Does the Gas Co. honestly want gas to be economized or does it not? If it does, what is the idea of introducing, without fair notice, that new fine for non-consumption of a minimum number of 150 units—which, by the way, is above the standard consumption needed for preparing four meals a day for two persons.

RATHER PUZZLED

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

A Sermon:
Reader's Appreciation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I was greatly touched by the sermon on Importance of Family Life preached by Dean Trivett, which appeared in your issue of today. My parents passed away from this world some thirty years ago while I was only seventeen, but it makes no difference. As a matter of fact, I was so touched by this masterpiece that I had to pause several times before being able to finish the reading of it. It strikes at the very bottom of one's heart.

"Honour thy father and thy mother . . ." It is a divine law which guards the order of society—first in the family and then in the state.

How true and real are these words which say that if we neglect them, "repentance may come too late." How touching and pathetic when it says: "If we are successful in life, success loses more than half its joy and triumph, if our parents are not alive to witness it."

When President Garfield, on his day of inauguration, turned away from the cheers of a nation and the congratulations of foreign Ambassadors, and gave the first thought of that supreme hour to his little aged mother who sat behind him, encircling her and kissing her, he enjoyed his success to the full extent. This moral law of honouring one's parents is so common and yet so often overlooked.

Therefore I venture to take this opportunity to emphasize it, and beg to suggest that school authorities would have this sermon reprinted in pamphlets to be distributed and taught in the classes.

Y. P.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Nerve Specialist:
Dr. Vidal's Reply

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In your issue this morning is published a letter from DR. O'HARA concerning my methods. I hasten to furnish my colleague with the information in which he seems to be interested. I am a qualified Doctor of the Medical Faculty of Paris, associated with various hospitals in Paris. Having specialized in the therapy of the "Grand Sympathique" I have developed a new method of treatment, the application of which has been accepted by over twenty institutes in France and abroad. During the last few years, thousands of cases have been cured by myself or by those medical practitioners who have adopted my method. I have, therefore, acquired the necessary experience in order to determine those ailments which my treatments will benefit.

The detailed list of ailments which so surprised your correspondent was published so that patients whose ailments do not fall within the scope of my treatments may avoid unnecessary visits.

The reason for my trip is to introduce my methods and demonstrate them to those physicians interested. I am, therefore, very pleased to note the offer to lecture on the subject to the Shanghai Medical Society. I regret being unable to do so next Thursday, having a previous appointment for that evening, but I shall accept any future invitation with the greatest pleasure.

In closing, I shall be pleased to render my colleague, if his ailment comes within the scope of my treatment, the best aid possible. There is surely no better way of proving the efficacy of my treatments.

DR. VIDAL.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

The Crooner:
Someone Who Loathes Him

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—What with football riots, bus and tram strikes, etc., let me get my moan in before you close your columns to anything savouring of dissension. "Maybe I'm wrong" or I'm one of those fools who rush in where angels fear to tread but, of all the afflicting sounds now audible on this longsuffering planet, the crooning of the crooner is surely the most loathesome. An eisteddfod of cats on the roof at midnight is mellow music compared with the disgusting noise of this degenerate creature telling the world of his amatory sentiments. Does anyone—anyone who is at large—really like to hear a man, if you can call him a man, puling and lowing and bleating about his "lahv"?

A MAN

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Wanted:
Songs for XCDN

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could any of your readers supply the undermentioned song sheets for a radio concert (Station XCDN) taking place on March 29, or please state where they can be purchased. The more obvious places have been tried.

"The Water Boy" (sung by Paul Robson)
"Stouthearted Men" ("New Moon")
"Ride, Cossack, Ride" ("Balalaika")
"Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego"
"Song of the Flame" ("Vagabond King")
"Soldiers of Fortune."

XCDN.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

BY SAPAJOU

The Gauntlets

Little French Village Gets Supplies From America

Distribution of Gifts from American Red Cross Started; Minister Outlines France's Position

Marseilles, Mar. 24.

THE little village of Mouries, in Provence, was the first locality in France to receive new Gifts of food and clothing from the American Red Cross. The distribution commenced today and will be continued during the next few days throughout unoccupied France. In the presence of the sub-prefect of Arles, Mr. Allen, the American Red Cross delegate to France, personally gave milk and baby linen to forty mothers of children under three years of age.—Havas Telemondial.

50,000 Piculs of Rice Arrive in Chungking

Stock to Be Held Against Possible Shortage

Chungking, Mar. 24.

Fifty thousand piculs of Hunan rice arrived in Szechuen today to supplement Chungking's food supply. The arrival represents the first instalment in the order for 200,000 piculs of rice placed by the National Food Administration with the Hunan authorities.

The stock will be held as a reserve against a possible shortage during the forthcoming bombing season in the event that communications are interrupted.

Besides the rice produced on local farms, Chungking receives a monthly supply of 242,869 piculs from 18 hsiens in Szechuan province according to the quota set up by the Food Administration. With civilian rice consumption averaging 100,000 piculs a month, the city has a monthly surplus of 150,000 piculs.

The transportation of Hunan rice to Chungking has been difficult, particularly after the fall of Ichang, which cut off the Yangtze route. The Hunan rice barges now follow the Yusiu, one of the head-streams of the Yuan river, sailing upriver till the south-eastern tip of Szechuan. The cargo is then taken overland to the Wu river which flows into the Yangtze at Fuling.—Havas Telemondial.

"Diplomats With Guts" Wanted in Japan

Training to Include Fencing, Judo

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

The Japanese Foreign Office in April will open a special six months training course in order to "produce diplomats with guts," the influential "Asahi" said yesterday.

The training will be two-fold, said the "Asahi." The first phase will be moral and technical while the second phase will emphasize national consciousness, because diplomats are apt to neglect this necessary aspect of their equipment, the "Asahi" said.

The course will include training in fencing and Judo (Jiujitsu) and meditation along with diplomatic etique, counter-espionage and other necessities of a Japanese diplomat, said the "Asahi."—United Press.

Adm. Decoux Arrives At Vientiane

Vientiane, Mar. 24.

Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, the Governor General of Indo-China, arrived here by plane from Hanoi this morning. He was welcomed by the Resident-Superior of Laos province, M. Roques.

In a short speech, M. Roques asserted that Laos remained loyal to France despite having had to part with some of its territory, and in reply Vice-Admiral Decoux congratulated the inhabitants of the province for their magnificent courage and determination during the hard times which they had to face recently.—Havas Telemondial.

Big Increase in U.S. Navy Men Authorized

Washington, Mar. 25.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing increase of United States Navy enlisted personnel from 191,000 to 232,000 men. The House also authorized the President to increase personnel strength of 300,000 men if he thought it advisable.—United Press.

Malaya Tin Interests Fear a Blockade

Spread of War to Far East Discussed

Singapore, Mar. 25.

Fearing Malaya may be blockaded in the event that war spreads to the Pacific, tin producers, smelter officials and dealers daily are holding conferences to solve the problem of financing delayed exports, it was revealed here yesterday.

The present system is for the smelter to pay the producer almost the entire value of the tin on the date when the ore is purchased. The dealer pays the smelter as soon as the former receives notification that the tin is ready for shipment, which is generally one month to six weeks after purchase. Then banks finance the dealer as soon as the latter presents a bill of lading.

But the banks are reluctant to carry the entire load in the event shipments are delayed, while the dealers themselves profess to be even less able to finance accumulating stocks. No local solution has been reached yet and some observers believe the solution must come from overseas in the form of assistance from the ultimate consumer.—United Press.

Warships to Be Built On Great Lakes

Canada and U.S. Agree on Arrangements

Washington, Mar. 25.

Canada and the United States are to build army and navy vessels in shipbuilding yards on the Great Lakes. The conclusion of an agreement on this point was announced by the United States Administration yesterday, and it represents the climax to negotiations which have been in progress for the past two years.

It involves a new interpretation of the Rush-Bagot agreement of 1817 governing naval operations in the Great Lakes. The new agreement lays down that the vessels are not intended for service in the Great Lakes, that each government must furnish the other with full details before beginning their construction, that warships may be built with full armaments, but that the latter must be incapable of immediate use while the vessels remain on the Lakes, and that the vessels must be moved promptly from the Lakes on completion.—Reuter.

Short Strike in Power Plant at Tientsin

Tientsin, Mar. 25.

A short-lived strike broke out in the French Concession power station here yesterday.

After four hours of negotiations during which some sectors in the city were deprived of electricity, the strike was settled at 8 p.m.

The workers asked for higher wages, flour allowances and long service gratuities, but finally accepted an all-round salarly increase of twenty dollars a month for each man.—Havas Telemondial.

Smallpox Epidemic Ends In Changchun

Changchun, Mar. 25.

Changchun's smallpox epidemic has come to an end. The populace are no longer required to carry vaccination certificates, and railway officials have discontinued examination of travellers for such certificates. The epidemic, which broke out in the capital nearly two months ago, claimed 146 victims. Thirty-nine died.—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 26, 1871

The programme of the Shanghai Spring Race Meeting has been issued, for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24, 25 and 26. This is a departure from the usual custom, which has always been to begin on Wednesday, so leaving Saturday at the end, for a scratch day. Seven events are named for the first, eight for the second and seven for the third day, all for ponies.

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4.30 p.m.	"	19.82	15.14
5.00	"	25.53	11.75
7.55	"	16.84	17.81
7.55	"	19.66	15.26
7.55	"	19.82	15.14
8.00	"	16.86	17.79
10.00	"	25.53	11.75
10.00	" via H'Kong	31.49	9.53
10.00	" via Australia	31.32	9.58
7.35	Manila	31.35	9.57
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5.50 French lesson for Chinese.
6.10 Chinese music.
6.15 News in Chinese (Shanghai dialect).
6.30 Chinese music.
6.35 News in Chinese (Mandarin).
6.50 Light music
7.20 Music by Russian composers.
7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Riviére. The archeological activity of France in Syria, according to the book by Marcel Brion "Resurrection of dead cities."
8.15 Light music.
8.30 News in French.
8.45 Light Music.
9.00 News in English.
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1.15 News in Hindustani
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2.00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary
2.30 Dance Music
3.30 Woman and Home, including a Short Story by Katherine Mansfield at 3.50 p.m.
4.30 Chinese Programme
5.00 "The Foundations of Chinese Music," by Prof. Wei Chung-loh.
6.30 Czechoslovak Programme
7.30 French News and Commentary
8.00 Relay of B.B.C. News (Conditions Permitting)
8.30 "Music a la Carte"—Request Programme conducted by Kenneth Mackenzie
9.00 News in English followed by B.B.C. Programme and Local Announcements
9.20 "As I See It" Talk by John Harford
9.30 "Not for Young Ladies" a programme of recordings by Ronald Frankau, Douglas Byng, Max Miller and other outspoken comedians
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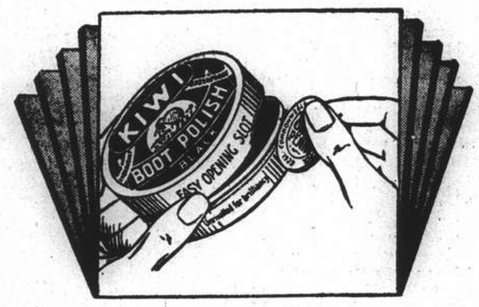

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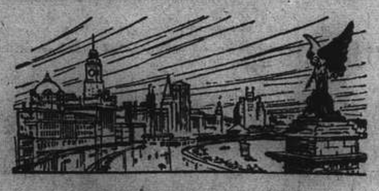

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GARIBALDI'S CURSE

With British forces speeding northwards in Greece to the Yugoslav and Bulgarian borders, with the departure of Yugoslav statesmen for Vienna to sign the adherence of their country to the Tri-partite Pact, subject to modifications, and with the Italians digging themselves in in Albania, the eve of important events has arrived in the Balkans. Within a comparatively short time Germany may now be expected to move to the assistance of the sorely defeated Italians and severe fighting is to be expected. It is not to be believed that the Italians will put up a better showing with German help than they have done without, for their heart is not in this war, and they have had more than a bellyful of defeat. Why is it that they have made so poor a showing in the Western Desert, in north-east Africa and Albania? Professional military opinion is that the fault does not lie with the Italian soldier, but with the Italian plan—Mussolini's own original plan, something in the conception of which the Italian professional soldier had no part. It is claimed that it was Mussolini's decision to leave so strong a force in the outpost of Bardia, and, if that is indeed the case, his attempt to cling to his prestige, already sadly blown upon in the Balkans, cost more than 30,000 Italians their liberty and many more their lives, without saving Mussolini's face.

If the plan was bad, so also is Italy's cause. In the last war it was a thoroughly good one, fighting for unredeemed Italy,—still the old Garibaldian cause. Now she, led by the overweening ambitions of a thoroughly unscrupulous man, is fighting for loot, for dominance over others, which she will never obtain, for if Germany ever proved successful in this war Italy would be just as much under Reich domination, as any of the defeated countries. Mussolini has invited Garibaldi's curse upon his country by forcing them into this war, —the curse which he laid upon any Italian who should fight against Britain. He has disregarded the advice of an Italian proverb "Guerra con tutto il mondo; ma pace con Inghilterra." He has led his people into such a muddle that even if the Axis were to prove victorious Italy would still eat the bitter fruits of defeat. That is, of course, unless Hitler did the miraculous and actually honoured the promises implied in the Axis Pact. But that it is known he will not do. There can at no time be any question of a German-Italian hegemony over Europe and the whole world, for all that Hitler has in mind is the supremacy alone of his own nation.

Mussolini has at times bombastically declared that it is his intention to recreate the Roman Empire. What he has been in fact doing,—and doing it very badly,—is to assist in the restoration of the Holy Roman Empire under German domination, which would be neither holy, nor Roman, nor imperial. It is the Italian lack of any moral basis for joining in this war, together with the military amateurism of Mussolini himself, which are mainly responsible for the present plight of the Italian armies. There is nothing to inspire them to fight with that ardour which alone comes from the knowledge of the righteousness of a cause and their leadership is bad. It might be argued that the first consideration should apply equally to the German soldier. It does not. Hitler in seven years did to Germany what Mussolini in eighteen years completely failed to do to the Italians. Mussolini could not prevent the Italians from thinking for themselves, and being more intelligent than the Germans, so easily gulled by the Nazis, they realize their own dissatisfaction with a war which has been at no time to their liking.

Even the Fascist trumpeter Ansaldo is disturbed because the Italian armies are not fighting up to his expectation. But he and his leader Mussolini together with many of their supporters made a grievous miscalculation. They believed that armies whose heart was not in the cause for which they were supposed to be fighting would be the equals of those who found their quarrel just. That, and Mussolini's proven ignorance of the elementary principles of conducting war are responsible for Italy's present plight. Hitler can confidently be expected to go to his ally's aid, and attempt to wrest victories which may help to some extent to retrieve Mussolini's falling fortunes. In doing so he will clash with the British who are quite anxious for a return engagement.

RAID ON BERLIN

It is striking testimony to the growing strength of the R.A.F. that, even while paying attention to first things first, it has been able to indulge in another raid upon German cities including a visit to Berlin where a substantial amount of damage appears to have been done. In this connection the manner in which the German radio commentator reporting the raid contradicted himself is interesting. He started off with the usual Nazi lie that the British bombers only reached the outskirts of the German capital, but later admitted that incendiary bombs had been dropped in the diplomatic quarter. That, of course, as is well known, is in the very heart of the city, near the Wilhelmstrasse where most of the German government departments are housed. It is interesting and gratifying to note that the Whitehall of Berlin, just as much a military objective as the same district in London, has been receiving the attention of the R.A.F., and while it may be some time before the extent of the damage done is ascertained it may be taken as quite sure that British bombs are just as destructive as those of German manufacture.

British official quarters described the raid on Berlin as substantial, but not particularly heavy. That was because, following the accepted British policy, Berlin was not the only objective dealt with that night. Nightly, whenever flying is possible, there are dozens of targets for British bombers to attack stretching all along the coastline from Narvik to the Pyrenees, the huge industrial centres in northwest Germany and other manufacturing districts, few of which are now out of the reach of the British aeroplanes. As the R.A.F. becomes stronger, as it will during the next few months, raids over Germany may be expected with ever increasing frequency and in growing strength. Already they are having a good effect. Their success has obliged the Germans to evacuate many of their workers to fresh industrial areas, even into occupied France, has seriously damaged many essential plants especially in the Rhine district, wreaked severe damage upon Cologne and many other cities of strategical importance, and generally contributed towards dispelling any lingering belief in Goering's boast that the air of Germany would remain inviolate from British attacks.

All this is being done despite the fact that British fliers have to go greater distances to reach their objectives than have the Germans. Whereas the latter can in most cases reach their destinations in the matter of a few minutes, British raiders have to fly hours instead. Nevertheless this is being done with what appears to be a minimum of German interference, despite the fact that British bombers for a large part of their flights have to proceed unaccompanied by defending fighters, during which they should be particular vulnerable to German attacks if such are made. The slight casualties attendant upon these raids indicate that the Germans are not too anxious to engage the British in the air over Germany, chiefly because even the bombers can be reckoned upon as being able to give an excellent account of themselves.

Lord Beaverbrook, when he stated that Great Britain now possessed more fighters and bombers than at any time in her history, has enabled aerial experts to form a shrewd idea of the present strength of the British air force. It is known that Great Britain at the end of the last war possessed no fewer than 20,000 machines. That figure has now been exceeded, but Britain has to station her aircraft in so many different parts of the world, that the strength based upon the British Isles is not to be assessed by any comparison of the British figure of more than 20,000 with the alleged German total of 35,000. British inferiority over Europe is consequently much greater than those figures would suggest, and it will still be some months before local equality and ultimately superiority will be obtained. In the meantime the R.A.F. manages to put in some very good work, and Sunday's raids are but a foretaste of what Great Britain will be able to hand out to the Germans when British and American efforts will have produced undoubted superiority in the air.

Nazi Shipping Claims

The Nazis have been putting out some exaggerated claims of British shipping sunk, with apparently the dual purpose of justifying Herr Hitler's threats that Britain was to be starved into surrender and exerting pressure in their diplomatic offensive in the Balkans. So long as they can make it appear to the smaller nations of Europe that Britain is bound to lose, they can discourage any ideas of resistance to their will. By doubling or trebling the actual losses they have managed to inflict, they create a gloomy picture of Britain's future. When this is reinforced by statements by leading Nazis that Britain has already lost the war, and is only carrying on because she does not know it, then their propaganda becomes a powerful weapon. There can be no dispute that the present Nazi campaign against shipping has created a serious problem for Britain, whose shipping is called upon to fulfil a multitude of duties besides bringing supplies to the British Isles. But it should not be forgotten that the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, has proclaimed his confidence that the navy will be able to overcome the menace and added that, since he had never hesitated to tell the British people bad news, he is entitled to be believed when he tells them good news. Thus it can be taken for granted that the navy have one or two things up their sleeves for the Nazi U-boats—things which will cause disagreeable surprise in Kiel and Wilhelmshaven and grief to a good many German families. Though the losses of which the Nazis boast are serious, they are not nearly so grave as Dr. Goebbels would have the world believe. Considering that Hitler has declared an "all out" war against British shipping, the losses might have been expected to be much worse. As it is the Nazis biggest bag since the submarine *Blitzkrieg* was announced is considerably short of the losses admitted by the British Government for the week June 16 to 23, last year, which were over 205,000 tons. They are also less than the week October 13 to 20 last year, when the losses totalled nearly 200,000 tons. When the figures are examined it is noticeable that a week of heavy losses is almost invariably followed by a lull. For example the week June 23 to 30 last year resulted in only 60,000 tons being lost. And the week October 20 to 27 resulted in only just over 20,000 tons being lost. It seems that whenever the Nazis begin to look most dangerous, something happens to reduce them to comparative impotence. There are a variety of reasons which can be put forward for this. There is the weather, for one. Submarines find it just as difficult as any other craft to operate successfully in bad weather. There is also the fact that submarine commanders vary in skill. A daring and skilful commander can do a lot of damage where a more cautious man can do very little. It is also obvious that intensification of submarine warfare brings intensification of anti-submarine operations, with consequent increases in the losses of U-boats. In the meantime, while it would be unwise to be optimistic about the present situation, there is no reason for pessimism. Last June, when German successes against shipping reached their peak, the convoys had only submarines to contend against and were inadequately protected, since most of the destroyers which were being used in convoy had been called to assist in the operations along the Channel coast and in the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk. At this time the convoys have submarines, surface raiders and bombers to fear. The threat is much more severe but the losses are not so large.

STRAY NOTES

March 23.—The springtime always starts everyone (even editors) digging out poems about flowers and birds, and searching for everything from the first snowdrop to the first swallow. For the past few days I have been inundated with records of the "first swallow"—and have in addition had to rack my brains over those recently quoted lines:—

"....Where the brook its music hushes,
Bright the calopogon blushes
Laugh, O murmuring spring."

I would first like to say that to the best of my knowledge the first swallows were here on March 21: my usual date is March 22, but in spite of this I was able last year to record a first swallow in Jessfield Park on March 14—just two weeks after I had been looking at a large snow man on the same spot! All of which is not at all helpful in sustaining the theory that a warm spring brings the birds earlier. Out in search of the swallows recently (certainly before any editor had sprung his calopogon theory of spring) my eye was caught by a small blue object on the ground beside a creek—not a brook—and picking it up I found some fascinating berries such as I had never seen before. The plant was like a coarse long-leafed grass, or possibly more like the local wild onion; but on the end of a two-inch stalk were three deep blue berries arranged like the leaf of a shamrock, and in the centre of these a little white bead like a pearl: the whole looked like a gentian-blue enamel brooch, bright and very beautiful, so I sent the plant to my friend the Professor for identification. He now tells me that it is a common Chinese drug (Mai-men-tung) otherwise known as the Lesser sheep leek: that the root is used as a tonic, good for the memory, and for many other purposes which I am sure would make any kind of pogon blush: and its scientific name is *Ophiopogon spicatus*. So now I am wondering if the beautiful blushing calopogon is an onion too .. but I hardly dare to bring this theory to the notice of the editor.—E.S.W.

OLD PORTS AND NEW SHIPS

Excitements of Seafaring Cornishmen

Cornwall and Devon have been invaded during the past year by such a varied army that the effects will be permanent and manifold on a population which, despite the holiday invasion of pre-war years, had remained only partly influenced by the progress beyond its quiet borders. First came the London East Enders, bringing with them an eye-opening revelation of how the poor of our cities lived, writes Hoole Jackson in the "Manchester Guardian." No sooner had the folk of our small ports which received the weight of this invasion recovered from the shock and from mending poor clothes and cleansing little bodies, than France collapsed.

Bedlam broke loose; the old and familiar Breton tongue, always present in Penzance, Newlyn, and Mousehole, was with us, thicker than ever; French soldiers from almost every province, French naval men, thronged the ports. Our greatest western port was a gay pattern of uniforms; Netherlands naval men and airmen, Belgians, Frenchmen packed the streets and puzzled the shopkeeper. The local people rallied round to give social aid to these waifs from Hitler's swift conquests. The harbours were packed with strange craft; every day some ship would arrive with a varied load of refugees.

Then some of the French soldiers were repatriated; others gathered under the Free French banner, and the Hollanders and Belgians under their own flags. Out of the great chaos came order; camps were formed; the ships put into service; the Allied fishermen began to fish our waters. The West had a slight breathing-space, and then came the third invasion of self-evacuated people from the bombed towns and cities up-country. Here was another medley; writers thickened the already strong literary army in the West; artists, shopkeepers, women of all trades and of none settled in "'for the duration," and now we are sitting back and trying to adjust our lives.

Labourers From Strange Places

The boats of my home village are mostly converted to war use, and have been taken over complete with crews for war work after refitting. Never were our small building and repairing yards busier than now. They are absorbing labourers from strange places; in one yard I struck an ex-insurance clerk and an ex-hotel worker, labouring side by side and keen on their new work. In the small harbours there are comings and goings of all sizes and shapes of ships; even naval men who return after a brief absence are amazed by the transformations in repair facilities and the choked anchorages. The little inns do a roaring trade now.

The water all along the coast from Plymouth to Penzance is buzzing with small crafts in, silent witness to the savage sea war. At night our great port puts up its barrage now and then, like a fiery dragon spitting flame and sparks amid the soft and peaceful rolling hills and the noble heaving of the dark sea. The lanes near the coast buzz with the passing of the mechanized forces, with lorries, with marching feet. One old cove in Cornwall, where we lunched in an old familiar spot, looked unchanged except for some untidy wire. "It's grand here when the sun shines," one of the soldiers told us, "but there's nowt to do."

There is only 80 miles' length in Cornwall, and little width, but 200 odd miles of coast, and never was it so lively or the maritime power of Britain so patent. We have salved shreds of armies, of navies, of fishing fleets and merchant ships; our little yards never hummed like this even at the height of "Boney's" power; the streets of our market-town — with smaller ports, like Penzance—are thick with strangers from north, east, and the Midlands; the 46 bombs dropped on this little town brought us letters from fishermen friends and relatives, as did the attacks on the Scillies—"A good job they didn't drop they on X —, one good bomb would about put paid to we," said one correspondent. That little granite place has stout cellars, and these deep in the granite; even its massive old drains are like smugglers' passages and have misled the romantic; but it is so packed round the harbour that, indeed, one big bomb would be like a ball amongst packed skittles.

IN PARENTHESIS

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Ted: Yes, black and blue!

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Sparrow's Rendezvous

"WHAT, no worms?" said The Sparrow's wife when The Sparrow flew into the Nest, his beak empty.

"You said a barrelful," said The Sparrow.

"Not one?" asked his wife.

"Not even a glow worm," said The Sparrow.

"Oh, there must be," said his wife.

"Well, go and find one," said The Sparrow, "if you're so dam clever."

"Well, what's happened to them all?" asked his wife.

"Either the Government's making munitions with them," said The Sparrow, "or the poor little baskets have gone 50 feet below ground to escape the bombs."

"Oh, dear, oh, dear," sighed his wife.

"Ow, dear, ow, dear," mimicked The Sparrow.

"What are we going to eat?" asked his wife.

"Nothing," said The Sparrow.

"I don't believe you'd care if I starved to death," said his wife, a tear glistening in her eye.

"I'm dam certain I wouldn't," said The Sparrow.

"You're cruel," said his wife.

"I am," said The Sparrow.

"And I don't feel very well, either," said his wife.

"You never do," said The Sparrow.

"My head's awful," said his wife.

"It always is," said The Sparrow.

"I expect I've got the flu," said his wife, sniffling.

"I expect you have," said The Sparrow.

"And a temperature, too," said his wife. "I feel all shivery."

"Woo-oo-oo-ooh," mocked The Sparrow, shaking his little body. "Woo-oo-oo-ooh. I'm all shivery. If you've got a temperature you don't need any worms. Stuff a cold and starve a fever. That's what my idiotic old grandmother used to say."

"I need something to keep me strength up," said his wife.

"You don't," said The Sparrow. "All you need is more exercise and something to occupy your mind."

The Sparrow flew away and landed in The Other Sparrow's Nest.

"Hullo, Gorgeous," he said.

"Hiya Fresh Guy," said The Other Sparrow.

"How's tricks?" asked The Sparrow.

"Fine," said The Other Sparrow. "Cocktail?"

"Make it a double," said The Sparrow.

"You're just in time for dinner," said The Other Sparrow, "as usual."

"No dirty cracks," said The Sparrow. "What's for dinner, anyway?"

"Worms fried, worms grilled, worms braised, worms in caserole," said The Other Sparrow. "How'd you like me to write out a menu?"

"Just to be awkward, I'll have them hashed," said The Sparrow.

"The restaurant's yours, honey," said The Other Sparrow.

"And how did you get the worms?" asked The Sparrow

"Pickled them last winter," said The Other Sparrow, turning on the gramophone. "Blondes are not so dumb as they look."

"They're certainly not," said The Sparrow.

"Shall we dance?" asked The Other Sparrow, holding out her claw.

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

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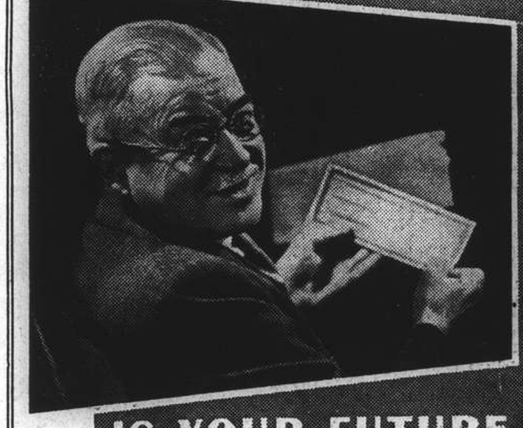
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...Winning Jockeys on Saturday...

Pointers for Punters

Stable Gossip From on and Off the Track

By "The Chaser"

WHEN I found that Frostylight had scored his 39th win last Saturday, which is really a lot of wins for any race pony, I thought that if I could coax a story out of Mr. Eric Moller, snr. the proud owner of the pony, it would be of immediate interest to the readers of my column. So, I strolled into his office yesterday and, though at first shyly modest and reticent, he became exuberantly enthusiastic after a few minutes when, through sheer love of the pony, which is his favourite over a period of 45 years of racing, he related to me a highly interesting tale which read like a story.

On a dull day during the month of December 1933, a ragged dun China pony was brought to the attention of Mr. Cire, and the Old Sportsman fell in love with the pony rightaway, especially as the shape gave promises of a beautiful racing pony.

Mr. Cire approached the pony carefully in his usual manner, and found a most lovable gentle character, no vice whatsoever, and that the blue dun pony in question had a marvelous glittering bright eye.

It was a dull day when the pony was purchased, with every sign of a Winter evening coming along, so Mr. Cire thought he would name the pony "Frostylight."

These remembrances are written several years afterwards, and the choice of this animal has justified itself beyond the wildest dreams of expectation, because the animal—after all these years—is still in the stable, ready for any battle on the Race Course which will give him the opportunity of getting a flying start and away from under the barrier the moment it goes up.

"Frostylight" today stands out as one of the most unique China ponies for a remarkable stamina after many years of the hardest racing experiences, and it is noteworthy to see that from the date of his purchase up to the time when he included in his record the winning of the Lancashire Stakes on Saturday, the 22nd March 1941, under the remarkable time of 1.29 flat, on a cold day and with 164 lbs. on his back, this pony has never had any lameness or damage to his legs and feet in any shape or form, a feature which Mr. Cire cannot remember over forty-five years of racing.

"Frostylight," during his remarkable racing career, has gradually gathered together a romance in racing, insomuch that this remarkable pony has been gradually piling up a record of flat-racing-winning to the extent of thirty-nine outright wins—and this number of flat Races has never been excelled by any China pony in Shanghai, with the exception of that remarkable animal "Old Bill" which won, during his racing career, thirty-two Flat Races and nine Steeplechases—a record which has stood unique for many years, but which has the opportunity of being equalled by "Frostylight," if all goes well with the pony during 1941/1942.

Ordinarily, a China pony of an outstanding nature generally has some faults, some weakness, and is probably not so gentle in the Stable—but old "Frostylight" has proved an exception to the rule—and never in his career, has it been known that this pony has ever been vicious to his Stable companions or to those who have taken care of him—and today when Mr. Cire visits his Stables and old "Frostylight" hears him speaking, there is a general call from the old pony to his Owner to come and see him, and give him some hay.

"Frostylight" has been a general favourite with the Public in practically all of the Races that he has started in—and during all his wins, the pony has never paid much beyond twenty dollars, except on the outstanding occasion of the 22nd March, when he returned the remarkable dividend of eighty-one dollars and forty cents to his backers.

Mr. Cire was asked what in his opinion were the outstanding performances of "Frostylight" during his career, and the Owner had no hesitation in quoting the following instances:—

1.—28.11.36. Zikawei Handicap. 1 Mile. 2.01⅘. 154 lbs.

2.—29.3.37. Easter Monday Sprint Plate. ¾ Mile. 37.1. 163 lbs.

3.—10.12.38. Sixth Race. 12th Extra. 7 Furlongs. 1.35?. 160 lbs.

4.—22.3.41. Lancashire Stakes. ¾ Mile. 1.29 164 lbs.

The above brings together a remarkable collection of fine Races won by this grand China pony.

Mr. Cire was asked if there had been many blue dun ponies which had given good results in racing—and after a little serious thought, the following were remembered by the Old Racing Enthusiast, which ponies he remembers as having seen win on the Shanghai Race Course:—

Majestic; Vision, Susewind, a China pony remarkably like Frostylight, and Frostylight.

The blue dun coloured China ponies, taken as whole, however, are not greatly favoured as race ponies in this part of the world.

One of the highlights of this week-end's racing may be the debut of the Autumn Champion, Hindhead, who is entered for Saturday and reports are that he will be facing the barrier for the first time this year....Gram was rather upset after the last race on Saturday as he felt that he threw away the race by waiting too long on Optimiste....Colorado Kid has been definitely disappointing, as his training gallops have been rather sensational during the earlier part of the year....Primroseray, recently acquired by F. X. Diniz, went lame during the Novices' race on Saturday and may not be seen out for several weeks to come....Cumine took a toss on Sunday morning whilst riding Goodin's "Y" sub, Runaway. His "X", a 12.2 packet of TNT is even more ferocious, and an appropriate name may be Buckaway.

Ivor House did well to have won on Daintyfoot last Saturday when he captured the second section of the Paramatta Stakes with six lengths to spare. In his previous outing, Daintyfoot failed to place in a seven furlong race which is his distance. His win over a mile and a quarter was naturally not expected in many quarters.

Two of the most successful Chinese jockeys this season are T. Y. Woo and Y. S. Chang. Both riders have managed to return to the paddock winners on no less than three occasions during the four weeks of racing we have had. Both riders did not become prominent until the last two meetings. Woo won two races a fortnight ago and one last week, while Chang won one race in the Third Extra Race Meeting and scored a double last week.

English Racing Season Starts Despite War

London, Mar. 25.

Shorn of its usual peace-time glamour and bound by restrictions through war-time conditions, the flat-racing season begins with the Lincolnshire Handicap at Lincoln tomorrow.

Despite the anti-sport element, which has been responsible for cancellation of the Grand National, one of the biggest turf spectacles in the world, with the exception of the Epsom Derby, the fact that racing has overcome more obstacles in the past nine months than in its whole history proves that it is generally required both as a successful breeding industry and relaxation for all participating in the war effort.

Despite conditions which require the rationing of foodstuffs even for the reduced number of horses in training, there is great optimism, and owners of all types, varying from a peer who was formerly a Secretary of State for India to a Doncaster publican, are competing for the first big prize.

Transport difficulties will naturally restrict attendance at the meeting, at which khaki and air-force blue will provide a splash of colour. Many jockeys will parade in the paddock with air-force or army great-coats over their silks.—Reuter.

Tommy Butler Takes the Lead In Ten Pin Championship

Duck Pin Champion Strikes Red-Hot Streak to Run Up Commanding Lead; Kohnert Second; Swan Third

"TOMMY" Butler, the City's Duck Pin Champion, struck a red-hot streak yesterday in the opening session of the Men's Singles Ten Pin Championship played at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., to take the lead over a field of fifty-eight. His closest rival, Kohnert, a past champion, was 49 pins behind. The leader started off the day's session at 2 o'clock with singles of 225, 214 and 235 for a total pinfall of 674. His performance was one of the session's surprises as his average in the league series placed him as one of the outsiders.

Sparkling singles studded the final tallies with most of the "selected few" out of the picture. Swan broke into the 600-mark group with a score of 619, which included the high single of 245 placing him hot on the trial of the leaders.

Roles and Dolinsek of the Marine aggregation are well up with pinfalls of 595 and 562 respectively, while Pote-Hunt, Gonsalves Elliott, Lurton and Kleffel will have much lost ground to recover in the next session.

Hilden broke his third 200-mark single of the season in his second string which placed him within the first ten. Chantural started off at a scorching pace with an opening frame of 227 but faded as the game got "hotter."

2nd Round Reshuffle Expected

With the venue of the second round tabbed for the Columbia Country Club tomorrow a general reshuffle of the leaders is "in the glass" with Butler and Kohnert conceding a few points but retaining their lead by a very slight margin. Swan, Hilden, Kew, Bourne, Pote-Hunt and Gonsalves are expected to be in the spotlight and further sparkling tallies are on the cards.

The American Club representatives, Elliott and Lurton, will have their turn in the final session when they shall be "at home." If performances in the league series be any criterion records are bound to topple before the season is over.

The full results follow:—

Butler	225	214	235=674
Kohnert	209	218	193=625
Swan	202	245	172=619
Roles	224	163	208=595
A. C. Kew	201	177	184=562
Dolinsek	181	202	179=562
Hilden	157	212	186=555
Chantural	227	167	157=551
Dobrenky	166	183	199=548
McLaughton	117	211	215=543
Pote-Hunt	181	191	165=537
Shaull	159	192	186=537
Yuson	161	187	185=533
Mudry	193	171	167=531
Gonsalves	200	162	168=530
Taylor	193	173	160=526
Neuman	190	198	126=514
Bourne	177	154	176=507
W. E. Marshall	206	173	126=505
Dalton	173	157	174=504
Bennett	151	198	155=504
Long	147	184	172=503
McGinley	174	168	157=497
Saphiere	159	153	180=492
Kwok	181	169	142=492
Gallop	153	151	185=489
Uhlinger	164	171	151=486
Elliott	170	142	172=484
White	153	171	154=478
F. Marshall	167	179	132=478
Lurton	155	157	166=478
Turner	169	169	137=475
Stankatis	182	152	141=475
Robertson	143	164	168=475
Quinn	160	169	146=475
Kleffel	146	137	190=473
Lorenzen	195	131	146=472
Eisenhut	149	172	150=471
Janeck	138	169	163=470
Brisk	146	192	132=469
Brown	159	146	157=462
George	156	157	143=456
Aeschbach	163	119	175=457
Black	141	182	132=455
Dubbert	159	162	134=455
McMahon	140	162	148=450
Forsyth	172	135	140=447
T. S. Parry	135	130	169=434
Brenner	134	159	138=432
Large	134	153	144=431
Schmid	128	139	164=431
Follendorf	153	141	136=430
McQuarry	139	135	149=423
Tebo	137	134	151=422
Clancy	124	156	127=407
Pickup	117	132	137=386
Millirons	99	124	134=357
Rowen	105	84	151=340

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2nd Batt. USMC	5	4	.555
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Ladies Singles Ten Pin Championship

Mrs. Hale Takes Lead in Opening Round with High Single-Triple Marks

The eleventh-hour withdrawal of Mrs. McDonnell from the Ladies Singles Ten Pin Championship has left the final issue an open proposition with the odds in favour of Mrs. Hale on her lead of 35 points secured in the opening session played yesterday at the American Club. She was the only kegler to crash through the 500-mark which included the day's high single of 201.

A feature of the day's play was the placing of the newcomers at the top of the list as several of the seasoned bowlers were caught off-colour and, consequently, found themselves strung down the ladder.

Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Hagnauer were only able to return mediocre tallies of 437 and 417 respectively and are faced with a rough road to make up the arrears. "Opportunity knocks but once," is an age-worn adage and it will present itself tomorrow at the Foreign "Y," the venue of the second round, where both of these trundlers seem at home.

Several average singles were registered with the Season's 'debutantes' in the limelight, namely, Miss Jackson 188, Miss Barrie 178, Mrs. Eisenhut 183 and Mrs. Hagnauer 173.

The results in detail follow:—

Mrs. Hale	181	133	201=515
Mrs. Malone	167	152	161=480
Mrs. Eisenhut	156	133	183=472
Mrs. Collaco	130	155	135=470
Miss Jackson	124	152	188=464
Mrs. Kwok	138	167	154=459
Mrs. Bradley	138	156	154=448
Mrs. Fischer	101	163	176=439
Mrs. Prince	160	148	129=437
Mrs. Swan	146	171	119=436
Miss Barrie	132	110	178=420
Mrs. Elliott	127	150	141=418
Mrs. Hagnauer	121	173	123=417
Miss Dunn	147	127	139=413
Mrs. Schmid	114	158	113=385
Mrs. Boardman	107	123	128=358
Mrs. Bowern	99	102	114=315

Ladies Hockey

The J.A.C. and the S.J.S. will meet at the Kiaochow Park on Sunday morning, March 30, 1941, in the finals of the Ladies Hockey League to decide the winner of the 'B' League.

Chinese Couples Come Through In Badminton Championships

Yong and Fred Li Easily Defeat Bouvier and Saul; Miss Sung-Hou Vanquish Miss Vincent-Chaillan

THE Men's Doubles and the Mixed Double divisions of the Badminton Championships made further progress last night when one match from each section was played off. Both competitions were held at the courts of the Cercle Sportif Francais. In the first engagement the powerful Chinese combination of K. L. Yong and Fred Li vanquished Bouvier and Saul in two straight sets with comparative ease although the first set was extended to 15-13. Meanwhile, Miss Vincent and Chaillan, who gained an easy passage into the second round of the Mixed Doubles when they were conceded a walk-over, were eliminated from the series when they were completely annihilated by Miss Sung and S. C. Hou who also triumphed in two straight sets.

The Chinese couple Yong and Li started off very poorly and appeared to be slighly nervous and uncertain of themselves. Through these two failings they were consequently erratic and several winners were put into the net. Bouvier and Saul had the advantage of playing on a more familiar court, and were quick to settle down.

The winners did not make their superiority obvious until the closing points of the first set when they suddenly found their stride to outplay the French pair and run out victors by the narrow martin of two points. Once in their form they were too good for the losers who in the face of the furious aggression of the Chinese found it nearly impossible to gain a point. The apparent one-sided battle that took place in the second set is well indicated by the overwhelming difference of 14 points in the score of 15-1 of the second set.

In the second tussle of the evening the Chinese pair took no chances of being upset by settling down to brass tacks the moment they stepped on the court. Forcing the pace during the entire two sets, Hou and Miss Sung allowed the losers only three points in the first game. Chaillan and Miss Vincent fared only a little better in the next set and after fighting a desperate but unavailing battle only amassed the paltry figure of 5 points against their opponents 15.

By defeating Bouvier and Saul in their match yesterday, Yong and Li are now qualified for the semi-finals where they will probably meet the well-respected combination of Kew and Duff. It is generally expected that they will meet their masters in this round.

Meanwhile Miss Sung and Hou will clash with one of the most favoured couples in their next clash, which is the semi-final round. They are scheduled to meet Miss Wei and William Funk.

The detailed scores were:—

Bouvier and Saul lost to Yong and Li 13-15, 1-15.

Miss Vincent and Chaillan lost to Miss Sung and S. C. Hou 3-15, 5-15.

The Match commences at 9.50 a.m.

The J.A.C. are the holders of the Cup, and, as both teams have lost to each other once, a closely-fought and interesting match is expected.

The following players have been selected to represent the J.A.C.:—

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Spain Bargains Desperately For S. American Cotton

Reserves Nearly Gone; Mills Often Shut Down For Lack of Raw Material; Future Gloomy

Washington, Mar. 25.

SPAIN, with her own reserves nearly depleted, desperately, is bargaining for South American cotton, the United States Office of Agricultural Relations announced yesterday.

Because the general outlook for the Spanish cotton industry is anything but promising and because the industry is so vital to Spain, American and other cotton circles are watching Spanish-South American cotton developments.

Receipts of raw cotton in Spain during the three months beginning August 1, 1940 totalled about 50,000 bales all of which was Argentine cotton except for 2,100 bales of American, according to information received in the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. These quantities represent little more than half of normal requirements for the three-month period so that the shortage of raw materials is still acute, said the office of Agricultural relations.

Stocks on hand were virtually exhausted at the end of July and most of the spinning and weaving mills at times, have been completely shut down for lack of raw material. Operations in recent months have averaged about two days a week. Stocks on hand at the end of October included about 1,000 bales scattered among the mills and 19,000 bales of Argentine cotton that had just arrived in port, it was reported.

Credit Arrangement

According to recent information to the office from Argentina, details of a credit arrangement are being completed whereby the Spanish Government will purchase an additional 100,000 bales of Argentine cotton representing the remainder of the export surplus from the 1939-40 crop. The cotton involved in reported to be mostly of low grades on which the Government has made loans to growers at rates above current market prices.

Difficulties in financing a previous purchase of 100,000 bales of Brazilian cotton have not yet been overcome but negotiations are still under way. Plans for a barter trade of Spanish merchandise for 3,000 to 5,000 bales of Peruvian cotton also are being discussed. The 15,000 bales of Egyptian cotton reported to have been purchased by the Spanish Government several months ago have not yet been released for shipment.

400,000 Bales Needed

Normal requirements of the Spanish cotton industry amount to about 400,000 bales a year. The 20,000 bales on hand at the end of October have been supplemented by the 1940 domestic crop estimated at 9,000 bales. The negotiations with Argentina and Brazil, if completed, would provide sufficient cotton for full-time operation until about July 1941 and longer if the present ration is continued.

The office pointed out that Spain came out of the civil war with an acute shortage of both raw cotton and cotton textiles and supplies have not been sufficient for the domestic markets since that time. Import demand for raw cotton is said to be limited at present only by the availability of credit and shipping facilities. All purchases of raw cotton are made by the "Submission Reguladora del Algodon," a governmental agency controlling the cotton industry.

Prices of raw cotton in Spain as fixed by the Commission are based on various costs with a small allowance for fluctuations and do not change from day to day with world prices. Prices of American-type cotton as promulated on August 28, 1940 ranged from 5.95 pesetas per kilogram (24.6 cents per pound) for middling ⅞ inch to 6.65 pesetas (27.5 cents) for Strict Middling 1⅛ inches. Prices of cotton yarn and knit and woven goods are also fixed by the Commission.

Synthetic Fibre

The Spanish Government is encouraging the production of synthetic fibres in order to reduce imports of raw cotton, but has not yet required textile manufacturers to mix them with cotton. A law passed on October 24, 1939, however, set up the machinery for such requirements, with provisions that certain domestic industries might be declared "of national interest" and that such industries might be assisted by requiring the use of a percentage of their products in Spanish manufactures. Decrees of March 21 and April 5, 1940 placed in this category cellulose fibre and such cottonized natural fibres as esparto grass, flax waste, broom and hemp, it was reported.

Certain advantages and privileges were granted to firms undertaking the manufacture of such fibres. As a result, two companies have been formed during the past 6 months for this purpose; but neither of them is in operation yet. One plans to use Eucalyptus wood for raw material and the other, a variety of cane. Spanish forest resources, however, are limited and it is not believed likely that this type of fibre will supplant any substantial quantities of natural cotton in the textile industry. Spanish cotton growers are already receiving a direct subsidy of 2.6 pesetas per kilogram (10.4 cents per pound) from the government.

Small Exports

Export sales of cotton goods during the past year and a half have been extremely small although the Government, as a means of securing foreign exchange, has encouraged such exports through the payment of a premium of up to 25 per cent. of domestic prices. Under the ration system, factories producing goods for export get supplies of raw cotton for export goods in addition to the standard ration for the domestic market.

This system, however does not assure manufacturers that supplies of raw cotton will be available even after the terms of sale have been approved by the Cotton Board. The foreign buyer is usually requiring to open an irrevocable credit in American dollars at some bank. These factors together with, (1) the high cost of raw cotton delivered in Spain, (2) shortage of available supplies, (3) high exchange value of the peseta, and (4) high cost of factory operations are largely responsible for the greatly reduced volume of export textile trade.

The office said that the general outlook for the Spanish cotton industry is uncertain and not encouraging. Manufacturers are handicapped by a shortage of imported dyestuffs and other secondary raw materials as well as supplies of raw cotton and are unable to import new machinery and replacement parts. Many factories were badly damaged during the month of October by floods along the rivers in Catalonia where a large proportion of the industry is located. It is estimated that about one-fourth of all Spanish spindles were affected, and possibly 5 per cent. completely ruined. In addition, the only important textile machinery factory in Spain was practically destroyed.—United Press.

Britain to Protect Exchange Fund

Stabilization Burden Said Chiefly on U.S. Shoulders In China Market

London, Mar. 25.

While nothing official has been disclosed here regarding the position of the Chinese Stabilization Fund, it is believed that Britain naturally wishes to ensure any sterling credits to the Fund against "highjacking" through Nanking notes forced on Shanghai and against any other undesirable dissipation.

Given satisfactory assurances in this connection, it is understood, sterling credits to the Fund would undoubtedly be implemented.

It is pointed out in Far Eastern banking circles in London that, in any case, the main task of supporting the Chinese dollar is being shouldered by the United States, whose $100,000,000 credit amply secures the Chinese currency against depredations by Nanking or Tokyo.

With this credit, it is believed in London that the Chinese Stabilization Fund could easily support or rally the Chinese dollar whenever the Fund thinks fit.

The recent easiness of the Chinese dollar was ascribed in London last week to the Fund's unwillingness to support the free market and not to its inability to do so.

Negotiations were said to be proceeding to prevent sterling help to the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market, which, it was pointed out, was the main remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.—Reuter.

Memorial Services at Yasukuni Shrine

Japanese Soldiers Killed in China to Be Enshrined

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Solemn ceremonies for the enshrinement of 14,976 Army and Navy officers and men, as well as civilian auxiliaries in both services, who were killed in action or who died of illness in China and Manchuria between the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities on July 7, 1937, and December 31, 1938, when the campaign against the Wuhan Three Cities was completed, will take place on April 28 at the Yasukuni Shrine, Japan's Pantheon, it was officially announced at midnight.

The addition of this group will bring to 208,776 those whose memory will be forever revered by the Japanese nation as loyal subjects of the Emperor who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

The bulk of those who will join the growing list of heroes are army men and auxiliaries who number 14,691, including Major-Gen. Kiyomi Shimizu who was killed in action in an attack on a Communist base in the Wutai Mountains in Shansi Province in October, 1938.

Navy dead number 285 including Captain Saburo Nakahara, who was known as an expert on China and who succumbed from illness. The extraordinary festival at the Yasukuni Shrine will be held for five days beginning on April 24. Admiral Osami Nagano, Supreme Military Councillor, has been appointed chairman of the Arrangements Committee. —Domei.

British Successes and Assets Listed

Strength of Position in Facing Spring

London, Mar. 25.

The Military Correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" tabulates British successes and assets in facing the spring campaign of 1941, as follows:

1.—Complete recovery after the enemy's success in France and Belgium.

2.—Defeat of the German air force and invasion plans of 1940.

3.—Formation and equipment of three powerful armies: at home, in the Mediterranean zone and in East Africa.

4.—Defeat of the two Italian army groups in Africa and the air force.

5.—Elimination of Italian naval power.

6.—Invasion of Egypt and control of the Suez Canal have been defeated.

7. The Italian Empire has been isolated and divided and is in the process of dissolution.

8. Italian power in Abyssinia has been broken.

9. A German force has been drawn into the Balkans and an invasion of Britain rendered more difficult.

10.—Final consolidating of the Empire forces, each with its own productive arsenal; and

11.—Entry of the United States as a non-belligerent ally far beyond Hitler's conception of the use of such allies.—Reuter.

Senate Passes Bill In Record Time

Measure to Finance U.S. Aid to Democracies Gets Vote of 67-9

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Senate yesterday in record time passed the US$7,000,000,000 bill to finance the Lend-Lease programme as it was revealed the United States can produce war materials twice as fast as Germany and that President Roosevelt has signed measures to strengthen Pacific defences.

The huge appropriations measure to finance aid to Britain, Greece and China was passed by a vote of 67 to 9 and after only two hours debate.

Simultaneously, it was announced that President Roosevelt had signed measures providing for defence of Guam and Samoa and approving acquisition of naval base sites from Britain in the destroyers-for-bases deal.

Presidential signature also has been affixed to a measure authorizing expenditure of US$65,050,000 to complete naval and air bases on the sites.

Twice as Fast

Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee disclosed that Mr. William Knudsen, director of the National Defence Board and head of the office of Production Management, testified that the United States will be able to produce war materials twice as fast as Germany.

The testimony was made in connection with the US$7,000,000,000 appropriation bill.

The committee also revealed that Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, testified that President Roosevelt had created an inter-departmental committee to handle release of war materials to foreign governments under the Lend-Lease Bill.

The committee was composed of Col. Knox, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury and Col. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War.

"We have such great reserves of supplies to draw from and such great experience behind us that there is no question in my mind that we can produce twice as much as anybody else, and I say that advisedly," Mr. Knudsen testified.

The Senate made quick work of the appropriations bill.

By Plane to Roosevelt

The measure was expected to be flown by plane to President Roosevelt, who is on a fishing cruise in the Gulf Stream, for signature.

The Senate voted to strike out a clause forbidding purchase of foreign foodstuffs. This was accomplished by correcting the official journal which failed to record the vote on Thursday of Senator Richard B. Russell, Democrat of Georgia. Failure to record the vote, and of Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President and Senate President, to vote resulted in a tie ballot—the first major Administration defeat on aid to Britain measures.

Recording the vote yesterday automatically made the balloting 33 to 32 and passed the amendment.

Thus, the bill passed the Senate in the exact form it was received from the House of Representatives and debate lasted only two hours. No amendments were offered in the Senate.—United Press.

Totalitarian System Not for Japan

Government's Policy is Reaffirmed

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Mr. Kenji Tomita, Secretary General of the Cabinet this morning reaffirmed the government's policy in rejecting the totalitarian party system in Japan.

Replying to an interpellation by Mr. Kazuhira Ikuta at a session of the Audits Committee of the Lower House, Mr. Tomita cited passages from Prince Konoye's address at the first session of the preparatory committee for a new national structure held on August 26, 1940, in which the Premier termed the one-party rule system unacceptable in Japan.

Mr. Tomita pointed out that Prince Konoye stressed that "The national structure cannot take the form of a political party, especially when led by the government. Neither can it be allowed to take the form of a single party system."

Mr. Tomita further stated that Prince Konoye flatly declared that it was the privilege of all His Majesty's subjects to assist the Throne "and that privilege cannot be monopolized by the power of either a single individual or a single party."—Domei.

U.S. Silence on British Naval Movements Asked

Col. Knox Says Information Valuable to Enemy

Washington, Mar. 24.

Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, today made public a statement requesting the press and radio and photographic agencies not to report the movements of British vessels which may arrive in the United States for repairs.

"In my opinion," the statement said, "their movements should not be reported, photographed or broadcast. Such information would be of inestimable military value to the enemy."—Domei.

Officers Ordered to Hawaii-Press Report

New York, Mar. 25.

The "New York Daily News" today said that the United States Navy Department had ordered officers in the New York area to proceed to Honolulu within two weeks.

In a story bearing no dateline, the popular tabloid, speculating on the chartering of the liner, ss. Washington, by the U.S. Army, said that there had been reports that it might be used as a transport to carry armed forces to Hawaii.

The "Daily News" also added that the Navy Department recently had issued orders which were directed to officers on duty in the New York area to prepare to leave for Honolulu within two weeks.—United Press.

Terror of Dive Bombers

This is a multiple rapid-firing anti-aircraft gun on a British warship. These guns are capable of throwing up a curtain of shrapnel through which any attacking plane must pass. They have proved very effective and in attacks in the Channel have accounted for a large number of Nazi planes.

British Bombing Operations Adapted to New Conditions

Raids Turned from Former Objectives to U-Boat Bases and German Aeroplane Factories

London, Mar. 25.

THE operations of British bomber aircraft can be carefully adapted to the changing circumstances of war, and air circles are confident that the best possible use is being made of the available bombing force.

German air policy might up to the present be divided into five chapters so far as Britain is concerned. First there was the bombing of anything at sea, then the attacks by day on ships in the Channel and on ports. Third came the day attacks on fighter aerodromes on land which never hampered British operations, and which culminated in such heavy destruction of Nazi machines that complete failure ensued.

It was noteworthy at this time that the Luftwaffe had completely underestimated the power and strength of the R.A.F. defence. The fourth chapter brings in the night bombing, particularly of London. The Germans had little faith in the accuracy of night-bombing but thought that heavy devastation in the poor areas would damage *moral* so badly during the long winter that the ground would be prepared for victorious Nazi efforts in the spring.

The last chapter reveals the enemy using his air force as part of the blockade policy in a long drawn-out effort to cut the lines through which the lifestream of supplies flows to Britain. Attacks at night are now mainly concentrated on ports and docks, not only with the intention of destroying shipping facilities, but also the means of unloading and transporting the goods they bring.

New British Targets

Hitler threatened to use all his force in the blockade of Britain and the Luftwaffe has been ordered to concentrate an air attack in the Atlantic. The necessity is therefore realized of adapting British bombing policy to these various changes, and the targets which were formerly attacked in Germany and occupied countries may to some degree have to be passed over for a diversion of effort to places where, for example, submarines are built or are in harbour, and where bombers are being constructed.

It stands to reason that bombing targets which seem obvious to the popular mind might delay rather than assist an early victory, and certainly the disadvantage of "tit-for-tat" bombing is like that of a boxer in the ring who, losing his temper, is likely to lose the bout.—Reuter.

Willkie Speaks on War Aims

Canada, Britain and U.S. Of One Purpose, Declares Visitor in Toronto

Toronto, Mar. 25.

"The war in Europe must end in the eradication of Nazism," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie broadcasting here last night. "The removal of trade barriers must be the keynote of the new peace which should not again lock 80,000,000 people within a prison wall of trade limits and economic degradation to spawn brutality, racial intolerance and war."

"The conquered countries of Europe," continued Mr. Willkie, "must be restored to liberty and China should also be saved from aggression. Above all, the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States must join together in eliminating their own trade barriers."

"Canada, England and the United States," he concluded, "are today of one purpose. May we remain joined tomorrow for this nobler purpose."

Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Willkie arrived from New York by train in a private coach belonging to the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. They were met on their arrival by civic, provincial and military officials and headed a two-mile long procession of troops and auxiliary forces. The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, came down specially from Ottawa to meet them.—Reuter.

Subsidiary Notes Not Welcome in Tientsin

Speculators Meet with Some Difficulties

Tientsin, Mar. 25.

The manipulations of smart speculators are meeting with difficulties due to the sudden unexplicable reluctance of the general population to accept Central Bank of China subsidiary notes, the circulation of which throughout North China was permitted by the authorities for a period of three years from the time of the introduction of Federal Reserve Currency.

Though the Tientsin Chinese national dollar is equivalent to seventy cents Federal Reserve currency, and Shanghai National currency, only sixty cents, paradoxically the value of subsidiaries has so far not been affected.

The overwhelming influex of subsidiaries from Shanghai, where purchases have been most profitable, sometimes yielding up to 40 per cent. is believed to be responsible for the unexpected development.

Meanwhile, postal authorities, who on March 8 warned against speculation in postage stamps, continued to maintain a policy of vigilance.

It will be recalled that the postal authorities declared that where postage stamps in excess of 20 cents were purchased at post office counters the mails must be despatched and the stamps franked immediately, in order to prevent the importation of postage stamps bought in Shanghai with Chinese National Currency, instead of in Federal Reserve currency as in Tientsin.—Reuter.

Hail of Bullets Kill 12 Moro Outlaws

Wild Attack Made Against Constabularies

Manila, Mar. 25.

Twelve of 14 Moro outlaws, including one woman, were killed when they attempted to attack 44 constabularies in the Talipao district of Sulu, a despatch to the "Herald" said yesterday.

Two women survivors of the band were seriously injured, the despatch said. The constabularies suffered no casualties.

The Moros, attired in white garments and chanting in Mohammedan fashion, fanatically attacked the constabularies despite a hail of bullets which mowed them down, the "Herald" said.—United Press.

Important Steel Works on Strike

Urgent Defence Work Curtailed in U.S. Violence Breaks Out

Bethlehem, Pa., Mar. 25.

Violence broke out early today as the strike of Congress of Industrial Organizations' steel workers began curtailing production in the gigantic home plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation which was working on some US$1,500,000,000 worth of urgent defence orders.

With the strike called at the Bethlehem plant, two different steel organizations were forced to halt production. The strike in the Midland Steel Corporation's plant at Detroit did not seriously interfere with defence orders, but affected the automobile industry.

The Steel Workers Organizing Committee called a strike in the principal plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and thus threatened to bring to a standstill work on vital defence contracts.

The plant employs 21,000 men. The strike was called in retaliation for the alleged election of officers in an independent employees association.

With violence breaking out in the early hours of the morning here, the mayor of Bethlehem announced that forty state motor policemen were ordered to take up duties round the plant.

The first incident leading to violence occurred shortly after midnight.

A car carrying three men out of the main entrance of the Bethlehem plant was upset by pickets of steel workers.

A large detail of police rushed the pickets and pushed them back as two unidentified men attempted to set the overturned car on fire with burning paper.

Other strikers also went into action and jammed another entrance with automobiles.

Two cars were reported smashed when struck with clubs. There were no casualties, however, in the skirmishes between the strikers and police.

The Midland Steel plant strike in Detroit resulted in closing of the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln plant and threatened to close two other plants, employing 52,000 workers, because of lack of materials supplied by the Midland plant.

In Edgewater, New Jersey, a strike which began on March 12 ended when C.I.O. workers voted to return to work rather than hold up US$15,000,000 worth of defence orders.—United Press.

Dutch Government Will Not Move to N.E.I.

Holland's Foreign Minister Expected on Saturday

Batavia, Mar. 24.

Mr. J. H. Retman, spokesman for the government, emphatically denied at today's press conference rumours that the forthcoming visit to be made to the Netherlands East Indies by the Foreign Minister, M. E. N. van Kleffens meant that the Dutch government in London was planning to remove to the Netherlands East Indies.

The spokesman disclosed that he would go to Manila to meet the Foreign Minister who is expected to arrive here on Saturday.

Questioned regarding the effect the visit of the Foreign Minister would have on the present Japanese-East Indies conversations, Mr. Ritman declared that it is a "lucky coincidence that both the Japanese and Dutch have eminent statesmen in Batavia." —Domei.

Pope Not to Celebrate Easter Mass

Rome, Mar. 25.

Because of the war, the Pope will not celebrate the Pontifical High Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral this Easter. It is thought possible that he will give the Benediction *Urbi et Orbi* from a balcony.—Reuter.

WE regret to inform you that, owing to enemy action, your property has been completely destroyed. This message was recently been received by Beverley Nichols, and the property includes treasured possessions which he had sent from his home to a "safe" area. Among treasures destroyed were his manuscripts of "Down the Garden Path," "Cry Havoc" and "Evensong"; letters of Robert Louis Stevenson, and original sketches by Thackeray to illustrate "Vanity Fair," states the "Sunday Chronicle."

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SELLING		BUYING	
Cash	Mar./Apr.		
£ T.T.	3 1/4	4 m/s. l.c.	3 1/8
U.S.$ T.T.	5 1/4	4 m/s. l.c.	5 3/8
Rs. T.T.	17 1/8	15 d/s.	18 1/2

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23 1/2	23 1/2
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.13	—
Bombay offtake 250 bars.		

U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for Mar. 24 4.03 1/2

Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.92
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.92 1/2

The local market opened uncertain with nominal sellers at 3 3/4d. sterling and 5 1/8 U.S.$. Nervous buying forced quotations down during the first half hours trading to 3 7/16d sterling and 5 1/16 U.S.$, but thereafter a better feeling turned the market which appreciated steadily throughout the remainder of the day, closing quiet and steady at:

3 7/16 sterling 5 1/4 U.S.$ Cash/Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Mar. 24.

Bombay T. T. on:			
Japan	81 1/4 N	London	1/5 3/4
N.Y.	332 3/4-333 1/4	2 mths	
Shanghai	19 1/4	" sellers	1/5 3/4
Hongkong	84 1/4	" buyers	1/6 1/16
		Japan 2 mths	
		" sellers	83 3/4 N
		" buyers	77 N
London £ Sterling T. T. on:			
New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6 3/4
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 1/4
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 1/2
Bel. Congo	176 1/2	Yokohama	1/2 1/2
Shanghai	3 3/4d.	" buying	1/2
New York U.S.$ T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.05	Japan	23.45-48*
Spain	9.25 N.	Shanghai	5.36
Paris	2.35	Hongkong	24.57
Italy	5.05 N.	Hungary	19.85
S'erland	23.23	Yugo Slavia	2.30
" "free"	23.25	Greece	0.68 N.
Sweden	23.84	Finland	2.05
Montreal	85.000	Manila	49.80 N.
Brazil	5.05		
London			4.03 1/2
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
" " " market rate			23.15
Montreal on London			4.74 1/8

*—Offered N—Nom.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Mar. 24.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills, 6 months	1 1/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	2 1/16%
Call money	0 15/16%
New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/16%B 0 1/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 3/16%B 0 1/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Stock Market Firm Trading Light

New York, Mar. 24.

Stock market prices were firm today and trading was light as traders were restrained by nervousness over the Yugoslavian situation and increased sinkings of British shipping. Experts believed the list would decline under influence of current and pending developments abroad.

Meanwhile the principal topics of discussion along Wall Street were the high rates of business, priorities rulings on exports, labour troubles in the defence industries and prospects of developing South American industries.

One South American industrial development was the announcement of the American Quinine Company that it will increase production of Cinchona bark.

The American Iron and Steel Institute reported that steel plants were scheduled to operate this week at 99.8 per cent. of capacity.—United Press.

Anaconda Copper Dividend Reported

New York, Mar. 25.

The Anaconda Copper company and its subsidiaries yesterday reported 1940 net income totalled US$35,052,699 compared to US$20,236,552 for the previous year.

Mr. Cornelius F. Kelley, chairman of the board, and Mr. James Hobbins, president, jointly reported to stockholders that copper and zinc prices rose sharply during the year and that the entire industry operated 10 per cent. above the previous year. They revealed that the company's foreign subsidiaries will supply 130,000 tons of Latin-American copper bought by the United States to augment domestic supplies.—United Press.

Silver Quotations

	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
London spot	23 1/2d.	23 1/2d.
" forward	23 1/2d.	23 1/2d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was quiet throughout the day yesterday except for occasional brief periods of buying which, however, were not sustained; at the same time, there were always buyers at the lower prices. Very little interest was shown in the rubber section.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
562.56	105.32	General	294.94	—2.68
465.40	95.55	Rubbers	297.69	—2.86

Total 329,880 shares, 90 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance				1000	17.20
	500	*17.20	3500	17.30	500 *17.30
	2000	17.40	1000	*17.40	4000 17.50
S'hai Loan				500	*20.25
	1500	20.00	500	*20.00	2500 20.25
	500	*20.50			
I. I. Trust				2000	*26.00
	1000	25.50	2500	25.25	500 *25.00
	500	*25.25	2000	25.50	
S'hai Securities				6000	*5.85
	1000	5.75	3000	5.70	1000 *5.65
	500	5.65	1000	*5.70	1000 *5.75
	500	5.75			
China Realty					1000 *9.20
S'hai Land					5000 12.20
Dockyards				200	23.50
	3200	23.00	600	27.75	200 *23.00
	1200	23.25	500	*23.50	1300 23.50
	2500	23.25	800	*23.00	900 23.50
	300	*23.25	1200	23.75	400 *23.75
	100	*23.50			
Ewo Brewery			2000	7.70	1500 7.80
Wheelock			200	102.00	300 *101.50
	500	101.50	600	101.00	300 100.50
	1600	100.00	300	*99.50	500 *100.00
	300	*101.00	800	101.50	1200 *101.00
	1000	*101.50	5500	101.00	1700 101.50
	300	*101.00	300	100.50	600 *101.00
	100	*100.50	1100	101.00	
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1000	*44.75	800 *44.50
	4600	44.50	1900	44.25	200 *44.25
	1400	44.50	200	44.25	100 *44.50
Central Prop.					300 17.50
Textile					1500 7.70
Worsted					2000 5.55
Tram (Bearer)	£1				200 43.50
C. G. Omnibus			500	17.20	400 17.10
Telephone					300 34.50
S'hai Gas					400 15.40
Paper			500	4.90	5500 4.95
	1500	4.90			
Lumber			1900	54.50	1000 *55.00
	400	54.50	1700	54.00	500 *54.00
Metal			300	*27.75	100 27.75
	1400	28.00	100	28.25	200 *28.25
	600	*28.00	2700	28.00	600 27.75
	100	*27.75			
Kaiping			100	44.50	100 44.25
Exploration			3000	*28.50	5500 28.30
	2500	*28.25	4500	28.25	
Power (Pref)					30 131.50
Anglo Dutch			100	20.00	100 20.25
Anglo Java			100	41.00	200 41.25
	500	41.00			
Cheng					1000 0.78
Langkat			200	27.75	500 27.50
	300	27.75			
Rubber Trust			500	10.60	500 10.70
	1500	10.60			
Tanah Merah			5000	3.10	1000 *3.12 1/2
	11000	*3.10			
Tebong					1000 1.42
Ziangbe					200 24.25

ODD LOTS

China Realty			200	9.15
Ewo Mills (Ord)	25	44.50	50	44.25
S'hai Loan			100	19.90
Wheelock			50	*102.00
Exploration	300	28.75	200	28.25
Power (Pref)			5	*131.50

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance				1500	17.30
	1500	17.20			
S'hai Loan			3000	20.00	500 *20.00
I. I. Trust					2000 25.25
S'hai Securities					1000 5.65
China Realty					5000 9.20
S'hai Land			2000	12.10	3000 12.00
Dockyards			900	23.50	600 *23.25
	700	23.25			
Ewo Brewery			3000	7.80	500 *7.80
	3000	7.75			
Wheelock				500	*101.00
	1100	100.50		400	*100.00
	100	*100.50	1100	101.00	
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ODD LOTS

S'hai Loan	400	19.90	250	19.90

*—Direct Business.

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Mar. 5.

The local market is still affected by the shortage of freight which is extremely acute, but it is thought that the position may be alleviated considerably by the end of April. London remains quiet with sellers reserved. In New York there has been an active demand with a substantial turnover, both trade and factory showing interest. The Domestic Release for the second quarter remains unchanged at 97½ per cent.

Latest quotations to hand are as follows:—

Spot 36 3/4 cents, up 3/8 cent.
London 13 7/16d., up 1/16d.
New York 21 U.S.A. cents, up ½ U.S.A. cent.

Malayan shipments during February amounted to 47,559 tons, as against 64,638 tons for the previous month and 62,105 tons in February last year.

At the auctions held this morning, there was a good demand for all grades. Of 1,383 tons catalogued, 1,212 tons were offered and 1,015 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

In Singapore per lb.

Ribbed Smoked Sheet:—	
Standard Quality	36 3/4—37
Good Average Quality	36 —36 3/8
Fair Average Quality	34 1/2—35 1/8
Off Quality	33 —34 1/4
Sheet Cuttings	32 3/8—33 1/2
Crepe:—	
Fine Quality Pale	No Sales
Standard and Slightly inferior	35 1/8—35 1/2
Off Colour Latex	34 1/2—34 5/8
Light Brown and Brown (Clean)	34 —34 1/8
Milling Grades:—	
Cupwashings and Skimmings	31 —33 1/8
Tree Scrap	23 —30
Brown and Dark Crepe	27 1/4—33 1/8
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	26 1/2—26 5/8
Virgin Lump	23 1/4—28 1/4

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 24.

Quietly steady conditions prevailed on the Stock Exchange today, with quotations mostly closing fractionally higher from Saturday. Steels led the moderately upward trend on the postponement of the threatened strike in the Bethlehem plant, while other market favourites followed closely.

Buying was not aggressive, however, due to the impending developments in the Balkan situation which kept investors on the sidelines.

The volume of business done totalled 370,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	122.62	121.82	122.39	+0.47
20 Rails	28.07	27.85	28.02	+0.19
15 Utilit.	19.70	19.59	19.62	—0.08
40 Bonds	——	——	90.75	+0.03
14 Commod.	——	——	62.40	+0.48

Mar. 22		24	Mar. 22		24
Adams Exp	6	5 1/2	Libbey O F	36	34 1/8
Alg Lud	21	21 1/2	Lockheed	22 1/2	22 5/8
Al'ls Chal	29	29	Loew's	31 1/2	*31 1/2
Alum Ltd	*70	*72	Loft Inc	19 1/2	19 1/2
Amer Can	85 1/2	85 1/2	Mack Trks	27	27
Am Cyan	33	33	Martin	28	28 1/2
Am For Pr	0 1/2	0 1/16	McK & R	27 1/2	28
" 87 pfd	*16 1/2	*16 1/2	Mont Ward	36 1/4	37 1/2
Am Loco	13 1/2	13	Mountain	*3	3
Am Metal	17 1/2	17 1/8	Nat Avian	8 1/2	8 1/2
Am Radtr	6 1/2	6 1/2	Nat Avian	13 1/2	13 1/8
Am R Mill	13 1/8	13 1/2	Nat City B	*26 1/2	*26 1/2
Am Smelt	39 1/2	39 1/2	Nat Dist	21 1/2	21
Am Sug R	17 1/8	18 1/2	Nat Lead	*15 1/2	15 1/2
Am T & T	160 1/2	162	Nat P & L	7 1/2	7 1/2
Am Tob B	69 1/2	69 1/2	Nat Sup	5 1/2	5 1/2
Am Wtwrks	5 1/2	5 1/2	N Y Cent	12 1/2	12 1/2
Anaconda	24	24 1/2	Niag Hud	2 1/8	2 1/2
Atchison	23 1/2	23 1/2	N A Avian	14 1/2	14 1/2
Avian	3 1/2	3 1/4	N Am Co	15	15 1/2
Bald Loco	15	15	N Pacific	5 1/2	6
Balt & O	3 1/8	3 1/2	O I Glass	40 1/2	41 1/2
Barber	*8 1/2	9	Pac G & E	27 1/8	27 1/2
Barns Oil	8	8	Packard	2 1/2	2 1/2
Bendix	35	35	Pan A Air	12 1/2	12 1/8
Beth Steel	76 1/2	77 1/2	Paramount	11 1/2	11 1/2
Bliss	15 1/8	*15 1/2	Penn R R	23 1/2	24
Boeing	15 1/8	15 1/2	Phil Pet	38 1/2	38
Borg War	17 1/8	*17 1/8	P S of N J	25 1/2	25 1/2
Briggs	21 1/2	21	Pullman	24	24 1/2
Budd Mfg	4	3 7/8	Pure Oil	7 1/8	7 1/8
Can Pac	3 1/2	3 3/8	Radio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Case J I	48	47 1/2	Reading	14	14
Chase N B	*31 1/2	*31 1/2	Rem Arms	*4 1/2	*4 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	22 1/8	Rep St	18 1/8	18 1/2
Ches & O	38 1/2	39	Rep Avian	3 7/8	4
Chrysler	63 1/8	64 1/2	Rev C & B	*9	*9
Col G & E	4 1/2	4	Rey Tob	30 1/8	30 1/2
Col Credit	29	29	Safeway	*38 1/2	38 1/2
Com & Sth	0 1/8	0 1/16	Schenley	*9 1/8	9 1/2
Cons Edis	21	21 1/2	Sears Roeb	71 1/8	*71
Cons Oil	5 1/8	5 1/8	Shell U O	*11 1/8	11 1/2
Cont Can	37	36 1/2	Soc Vac	8 1/8	8 1/8
Cont Oil	18	18	Sthrn Pac	9	9 1/2
Copld St	*14 1/2	*14 1/2	Sthrn Rly	21 1/8	22 1/2
Curtis Wr	8 1/2	9	Spicer	33	*32 1/2
" A	26 1/2	26 1/2	Std Brands	6 1/2	6 1/2
Deere	20 1/8	20 1/8	Std G & E	0 1/8	0 1/16
Dist.	*16 1/2	16 1/8	Std Oil C	19 1/2	19 1/8
Douglas	73	72 1/8	Std Oil N J	35 1/2	35 1/4
Du Pont	145 1/2	147	Stone & W	6 1/2	6 1/2
E P Lead	9	8 1/8	Studebaker	6	6 1/2
Eaton Mfg	32 1/2	32 1/8	Swift Int	18 1/8	18 1/2
E A Lte	*29 1/2	29 1/2	Technicor	8 1/2	9
Elec B & S	3 1/8	3 1/8	Tex Cpn	35 1/8	36 1/2
" $5 pfd	59	59 1/2	Tex Gulf	35	35 1/2
" $6 pfd	66 1/8	66 1/2	Timken	30 1/8	30 1/2
Elec P & L	34 1/2	34 1/2	Taansamer	4 1/2	4 1/2
Flintkote	*13 1/2	13 1/2	Tw Cent	6	6
Gen A Tr.	52	*51 1/2	Un B & P	11	10 1/2
Gen Elec	33	32 1/2	Un Car	66	66 1/2
Gen Motor	42 1/8	42 1/2	Un Pac	77 1/2	77 1/2
Gen Rly	*13 1/2	13 1/2	Un Air	37 1/2	38 1/2
Gen T & R	*11	10 1/2	Un A Line	12 1/2	12 1/2
Glidden	13 1/8	*13 1/8	Un Corp	1	0 1/2
Goodreth	12 1/8	12 1/8	" $3 pfd	25 1/2	25 1/2
" $5 pfd	61 1/2	*60 1/2	Un Gas	0 1/2	0 1/2
Goodyear	18	18 1/2	Un G Imp	8 1/2	8 1/2
Gt N I Ore	*14	*14 1/2	U S Ind	*23 1/8	*24
Gt N Rly	25	25	U S Rub	22 1/2	22 1/8
Gt W Sug	25 1/8	26 1/2	" pfd	*80 1/2	80 1/2
Grey Cpn	11 1/2	11 1/8	U S Smelt	*59 1/2	60
Her Pow	*68	*68	U S Steel	55 1/8	56 1/8
Hometsake	47	47	Vanadium	26 1/2	*26 1/2
Int Nickel	26	26 1/2	Vultee	*6 1/2	6 1/8
Int Paper	13 1/8	13 1/8	Walworth	4 1/2	4 1/2
Int T & T	*2 1/2	*2 1/8	War Br Pic	3	2 1/2
Johns Man	59	59	West Elec	94	94 1/2
Kennecott	34 1/2	33 1/2	Woodward	28	27 1/2

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	56 1/2	56 1/4
Australia Comm.	59 1/2	*59 1/2
Balt. & Ohio "A"	44	44 3/4
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	19	19
" " " 6 1/2% 1957	16 1/2	16 3/8
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	94 1/4	94 3/8
Erie 5s 1967	20 1/2	20 3/4
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43 3/8	45
New England Gas & Elec.	*64 1/2	65
Sthrn. Pacific	47	47 3/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	86 1/4	87

*—Bid. †—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

High-grade issues led a moderately firmer session, accompanied by a light volume of trading, on the Stock Exchange today. Traders were still watching the foreign scene. United States Steel 1940 net is listed at $8.84 per share, against $1.83 per share last year and Anaconda Copper $4.04 per share against $3.33 last year.

Stocks:—The apparent lack of liquidation is construed as negatively bullish, but unless news unexpectedly improves no immediate real rally is likely.

STATISTICS

	Week Comm. 24/3	Week Comm. 17/3
Steel Mill Activity (Amer. Iron & Steel Inst.'s estimate)	99.8	99.4

EARNINGS

Stock	(per cent. of capacity) Period	1940	1939
Anaconda Copper	Yr. 31/12	$4.04	$3.33
U.S. Steel	"	6.84	1.84
Boeing Airplane	"	0.34	3,284,000 x

7—net less.

Cotton:—Very firm conditions prevailed, with offerings light and largely on the scale-up.

Wheat:—The hesitation on upturns is due to the uncertainty over the Farm Legislation and approaching new crop influence. The visible decrease is listed at 2,111,000 bushels.

Corn:—The Government advance to 5½ cents over May for holdings had a steadying influence. The visible decrease was placed at 243,000 bushels.

Rubber:—The market ruled quiet but steady at the reaction.

Hides:—Reflecting a quiet but steady "spot" market.

Sugar 4:—Presented a firm appearance. Persistent hedging was easily absorbed.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 25.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.225	.23 S
Antamok	.05 X	.05 X
Bagiuo Gold	.14	.1425 S
Batong Buhay	.0075X	.0075X
Big Wedge	.22	.225
Coco Grove	.0625X	.0625X
Consolidated Mines	.0019	.0019 S
Demonstration	.05 X	.05 X
East Mindanao	.07	.07
I. X. L.	.25 S	.25 X
Ipo Gold	.06 X	.05 X
Itogen	.1475X	.1475X
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.095 S	.095 S
Mine Operations	.055 X	.055 X
Paracale Gumaus	.26 S	.26 S
San Mauricio	.30 X	.30 X
Surigao Consolidated	.19	.19
Suyoc	.09 X	.09 S
United Paracale	.1375	.135
Mindanao Motherlode	.125	.125
Manila Hai-Alai	7.50 B	Unq.
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.25	—

S—Sales. X—Sellers. B—Bid.—Reuter.

London Bullion

London, Mar. 24.

London Gold: Bar, Fine, per oz. 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: Advanced on every small trade buying and a scarcity of offers. Market steady. After the official fixing the market remained very quiet and featureless, with practically no business passing.

Spot	23 1/2d.	+1/16d.
Forward	23 1/2d.	+1/16d.

—Reuter.

Chemor United Rubber Meeting

Increased Output, Better Prices Brings Profit to $774,456.64; Final Dividend 30 cts. Per Share

THE 29th annual general meeting of shareholders of the Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, presided supported by Messrs. H. Kadoorie and L. E. Canning, directors. The working for the year resulted in a profit of $774,456.64, as against $263,732.15 last year, final dividend of 30 cents per share declared. Shares present and represented totalled 266,710.

The chairman in his speech said:—

The working for the year has resulted in a profit of Ch.$774,456.64 as compared with a profit last year of Chinese $263,732.15. This increase of profit is attributable to the facts that the output of rubber was greater by 90,179 lbs., the average net price received for our product was nearly 2.00 pence per pound higher and the average rate of exchange was 14⅜ Straits cents to the Chinese dollar as against 23 cents last year. The estate expenditure on revenue account was, however, .48 of a penny per pound higher.

Shanghai Office Expenses

The Shanghai office expenses and directors' fees were Ch.$3,620.43 more than those for the preceding year, owing to a temporary Exchange adjustment granted to the general managers on their fee but when expressed in Straits dollars these fees for 1940 were less by Straits $699.65 than they were for 1939.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure during the year amounted to a total of Ch.$83,679.58 which covered the cost of planting 46 acres of rubber on Chemor and Klebang Estates, and the upkeep of the previous replantings on the same estates, also the purchase of two bulls and a typewriter.

The capital expenditure in 1941 is estimated to be Straits $20,754 or say at the present rate of exchange Ch.$166,000.

Financial Condition

Financially the company is in a reasonably satisfactory condition, since, if you pass the recommendations now made, the company will start the New Year with a surplus of liquid assets amounting to Ch.$643,736.

Planting Matters

Turning now to planting matters, I will deal with each estate in rotation beginning with Chemor and Klebang, which are now treated as one estate. An area of 61 acres was replanted with budded stumps and the young plants are reported to be making satisfactory progress. The standard of tapping is reported to be satisfactory and the rates of bark consumption and bark renewal are normal.

The quality of the smoked sheet produced meets with the approval of the buyers and no complaints have been received.

The supply of labour was sufficient for all requirements and the force appears to be settled and contented. The general health, I am glad to say, was satisfactory. Wages, however, were increased from 43 cents to 46¾ cents per day.

Wedding was slightly more expensive, costing 35 cents per acre per month as compared with 31 cents last year, but the estate is reported to be in a clean condition and no undesirable growths are now in evidence. Neither pests nor diseases gave any special trouble during the year and such as did appear were promptly dealt with and yielded readily to treatment.

Buildings and machinery were given the necessary upkeep and are reported to be in good order.

Speaking generally the affairs on these estates are in good order and no exceptional expenditure beyond the upkeep of the re-planted areas is anticipated in the near future.

Batu Dua Estate

As regards Batu Dua Estate the trees on the 10 acres replanted in 1936 are reported to be developing well and, so far, they are free from diseases. It is proposed to replant a further 74 acres during 1941.

The standard of tapping is good with a freedom from wounding and the rates of bark consumption and renewal are reported to be normal. The quality of the smoked sheet manufactured is up to the recognized Singapore Standard and no complaints have been received from Buyers.

The labour force appears to be settled and the health of the coolies has shown a decided improvement. The total coolie population amounts to 158 souls of whom 104 are workers, 7 females are dependents and there are 47 children. It may be of passing interest to you to learn that the savings amongst the labour force deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank amounted at the end of the year to St.$2,629 an increase of St.$554 during the year.

The whole estate is now under a routine weeding roster which cost 33 cents per acre per month as compared with 31 cents last year. The increase is entirely due to the higher wages that were paid. The gardens are reported to be clean and free from lallang and other undesirable growths.

The new continuous sheeting battery and 3½ H.P. engine installed in 1938 continued to run satisfactorily. No further machinery was installed.

All Buildings were given the necessary upkeep and are reported to be in good serviceable condition.

Remittances

If you pass the dividend now proposed by your Directors the distributions made on account of the working for 1940 will represent only 50 per cent. of the profit earned during the year, but unfortunately they very stringent and, to my mind, unreasonable rules governing remittances from Malaya to Shanghai make it impossible for us to obtain a remittance of more than Straits $8,971 out of the Straits $95,141.31 that we had lying idle to our credit in the Bank in Penang at the end of the year.

War Fund Contributions

Some of you may have wondered also why your Directors do not recommend that any contribution be made to the Voluntary War Fund or some other Patriotic Fund but they take the view that in the existing circumstances shareholders are entitled to receive the full benefit of the very meagre remittances that are at present permitted us and furthermore the company has paid, during the year under review, a sum equivalent to Ch.$92,437.50 in an export duty specially imposed for the purposes of the present war. Moreover, the money thus frozen in the Straits is in the aggregate of very material benefit to the Empire in assisting to maintain the balance of exchange, and it is the intention of your board to invest some at least of this surplus money in War Loan.

Value of Shares

I would like to dispel the impression that I understand some people hold that the money which cannot be remitted is being taken away from the companies, for this is far from being the case. All that is happening is that the money is accumulating month by month in the Straits and so long as it cannot be remitted and distributed the intrinsic value of your shares is increasing by a similar sum monthly. The companies will thus be in a very strong position financially and able to meet any slump that may occur after hostilities have ceased.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I should like to express our best thanks to the two managers, and to their subordinate staffs, to the visiting agent and to the Agents in Penang for the very satisfactory manner in which they have looked after the affairs of the company during the year under review.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That a final dividend of 30 cents per share be paid, making a total of 40 cents per share for the year. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That Mr. A. J. Welch be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. Woo Chi Ming and seconded by Mr. Wong Sing San.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year and that their fee for auditing the accounts for the year 1940 be Ch.$600. Proposed by Mr. M. K. Dong and seconded by Mr. Quincey Wu.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 24.

Steady conditions were witnessed in the cotton market, with prices early advancing on trade buying, mill price fixing and scattered local demand. Later, the market partially reacted on Southern hedging and "spot" house selling. Closing quotations ranged from 1 to 3 points up from the previous final levels.

The market for raw rubber futures ruled quietly easier on a poor factory demand for "spot" cargo and large receipts. However, shipment offers were high. At the last call-over, losses from 30 to 40 points were recorded.

The Chicago Wheat Pit ruled quiet, with a firm undertone on some speculative buying and a favourable cash demand, while the uncertainty over the Farm Legislation caused hesitation. At the final bell, gains from ⅝ to ¾ cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	10.79-79 +01	May	22.05-10 —40
July	10.75-76 +01		B/A
Oct.	10.66-66 +03	July (N.C.)	
Dec.	10.64 N. +01		21.70-70 —03
Jan.	10.63 N

FROM DAY TO DAY

News has been received in Shanghai to the effect that Miss Mary Brock has been appointed leading Wren in H.M.S. Nemo.

The rice allowance authorized by the Municipal Council for issue to Chinese employees has been fixed at $36.92 for March.

Another broadcast entitled "Uncensored News From Norway" will be delivered by Mr. K. A. Persen over XMHA on Friday, at 9 p.m.

Recent world events are reviewed at 9.20 on Wednesday evenings in a weekly talk given by John Harford over XCDN, called "As I See It."

Kenneth Mackenzie arranges an original programme for XCDN on Wednesdays, called "Music à la Carte" which is broadcast at 8.30 p.m.

Over and above the £46,000 raised by the Lord Mayor of London's appeal, the British Government has decided to hand over £55,000 to the Minister in Athens for relief purposes.

A sham battle was held by the Japanese Naval Landing Party on Paoshan Road yesterday between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Blank ammunition was used to make the battle more realistic.

The fifth in the series of Lenten services, which have been arranged in Bubbling Well Chapel, will be held today at 6 p.m. when the Dean will speak, his subject being: "The Seventh Commandment."

The Shanghai Korean Residents' Association will be incorporated into the Japanese Residents' Corporation in the near future, it was decided at a regular meeting of the J.R.C. Assembly, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports.

The budget for the 1941-1942 fiscal year of the Nanking Japanese Residents' Corporation totalling Y.1,835,000 was discussed at an Assembly meeting of the Nanking J.R.C. on Monday, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has alloted Cad. Lot 6087, Point Road, measuring 2.487 mow, free of charge to the Jewish Community for use as a cemetery for Jewish indigents to be administered by that community at their own expense.

The appointment of Dr. P. W. Kuo as Administrative Vice-Minister of Finance and Mr. Huang Pa-tu as Administrative Vice-Minister of Social Affairs was announced in Chungking on Monday by the Chinese National Government in an official order, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

The Central station turned out en force to 222 Ningpo Road at 12.38 p.m. yesterday when an alarm had been received at the station that armed robbers were busy on the premises. According to investigations, four men, two of them armed with pistols, entered a Chinese office on the second floor of the building, but decamped without stealing anything. No arrests were made.

The annual meeting of the China Auxiliary of the China Bible House of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society will be held this afternoon in the Union Church Hall, corner of Soochow Road and Yuen Ming Yuen Road, when the speaker will be Bishop John Gowdy, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Foochow. Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 5.45.

Six eminent physicians in New York, who have been in frequent consultation with the British Ministry of Health, have devised a tablet containing vitamins, A, B, C, and D, and made palatable by the addition of sugar and cinnamon, and the British-American Ambulance Corps has begun raising funds to send 9,000,000 of these tables this year to England. This is an amount sufficient for 4,000 children taking six tablets each daily, states "The Times."

The Ministry of Finance of the Chinese National Government has started the collection of inheritance, surplus profit and income taxes in Yunnan provincial areas, says a Kunming message to the "Shun Pao." Payment of the income and surplus profit taxes is based upon statements filed in by tax payers in official registration forms, the report adds. Payment of such taxes is now being made by merchants engaged in more than 40 kinds of businesses.

Much interest has been caused in Athens by Gen. Soddu's order of the day for November 10, when he assumed command of the Italians in Albania. "Our mission," he said, "is well defined. We must give the Greek Army the lesson it deserves. We must prove to them that, no matter how brave they are, they will have to submit to our will and to the might of the armed forces of Fascist Italy." Soddu's "resignation," after commanding the retreat from Greece, gives piquancy to this order.

The American Committee for the Defence of British Homes has collected 1810 guns, 1573 revolvers, 198,729 rounds of ammunition and 1887 helmets. Major Anthony Fiala, one of the organizers, said he was receiving arms of all kinds, including buffalo rifles used in the 1860's, and all sorts of ancient hunting weapons. These were all sold, and the money used to buy modern repeating rifles. Dum-dum bullets, of which many were being received, were all returned or exchanged as their use was against international law.

The programme for the 25th Sunday Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

"Overture "The Silken Ladder" ..Rossini
"Pastoral Variations" upon an old Christmas Carol .....Samuel-Rousseau
(For Harp and Strings)
"Introduction et Allegro" for Harp with acc. of Flute, Clarinet and Strings .....Ravel
Soloists: Solange Renié
Symphonic Poem "Le Chasseur Maudit" .....Franck
(The accursed hunter)
Symphony No. 2 in D major ..Sibelius
Allegretto
Tempo Andante, ma rubato
Scherzo: "Vivacissimo"—Lento e soave
Finale: Allegro moderato without interruption
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci.

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Nagasaki Maru**, of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, sailed on her return trip to Nagasaki direct yesterday morning at 9.30.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru**, of the D.K.K., is due to sail on her return trip to Tsingtao and Dairen this morning at 9 o'clock, carrying mail and passengers. This liner is berthed alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf.

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The ss. **Dairen Maru**, express liner of the Dairen Kisen Kaisya, is expected to arrive in Shanghai from Tsingtao and Dairen tomorrow afternoon at about 5 o'clock, when she will dock alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The vessel, which carries mail and passengers, will remain here for 36 hours, sailing again for the north on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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The ss. **President Taft**, luxury liner of the American President Lines, entered port yesterday morning from Hongkong and Manila at 8 o'clock, when she tied up at the lower buoys 11 and 12. Passengers were brought ashore by tender, reaching the Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. The liner will continue her eastbound voyage to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu this morning. The last tender for outgoing passengers will leave the Customs Jetty at 10 a.m.

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The ss. **President Grant**, of the American President Lines, is expected to arrive in Shanghai from New York and way ports early this afternoon, when she will tie up at the lower buoys 12 and 13. Passengers will be brought ashore by a tender, the Merry Moller, which will arrive at the Customs Jetty at about 2 p.m. The liner will sail for New York and Boston, via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Cape Town and Trinidad tomorrow morning, the last tender leaving the Customs Jetty at 10.30 a.m.

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The round-the-world liner ss. **President Jackson**, of the American President Lines, is due to enter port from New York, via Havana, Christobal, Balboa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and Kobe this morning at about 7.30. Passengers will disembark by tender, which will reach the Customs Jetty at about 9 a.m. The steamer will sail for New York and Boston, via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Cape Town and Trinidad early tomorrow morning, the last tender for passengers and their luggage leaving the Customs Jetty at 7.30 a.m. No visitors will be allowed on board the ship during her stay in port.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NEW YORK & PACIFIC PORTS:
Pres. Jackson, with mail, due 8.30 a.m., Buoys 14-15. Passengers are expected at the Customs Jetty at 9 a.m.
Pres. Grant, with mail, due 1.30 p.m., Buoys 12-13. Passengers are expected at the Customs Jetty at 2 p.m.

From NAGASAKI: Kobe Maru, with mail, due 3 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Bombay		From Karachi	
London M	— 29/3	Haruna M	— 29/3
From Calcutta			
Argun M	— 31/3		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Seattle	
Sanyo M	— 1/4	Canillo	25/3 16/4
P Coolidge	— 8/4	C'wn City	30/3 21/4
H'roku M	— 10/4	**From Honolulu**	
P Hayes	— 15/4	Asama M	18/3 7/4
Tokai M	— 23/4	**From Yokohama**	
From Los Angeles		Tokiwa M	— 1/4
Asama M	10/3 7/4	Hakone M	— 6/4
Tatuta M	24/3 23/4	**From Nagasaki**	
		S'hai M	27/3 28/3

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen	
Dairen M	25/3 27/3

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For Calcutta		**For Manila**	
Hakodate M	26/3	E Grant	27/3
For Karachi		P Jackson	27/3
Tokiwa M	2/4	Asama M	8/4
Hakone M	7/4	P Coolidge	8/4
For Capetown		Capillo	18/4
P Grant	27/3	Tatuta M	29/4
P Jackson	27/3	**For Hongkong**	
For New York		E Grant	27/3
Hokkai M	26/3	P Jackson	27/3
P Grant	27/3	Capillo	18/4
P Jackson	27/3	**For Yokohama**	
Asama M	26/3	P Taft	26/3
Sanyo M	9/4	Haruna M	30/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	Yawata M	4/4
P Hayes	17/4	**For Kobe**	
For Los Angeles		London M	30/3
P Taft	26/3	**For Nagasaki**	
Hokkai M	26/3	Kobe M	27/3
P Grant	27/3	Shanghai M	28/3
Yawata M	4/4	Nagasaki M	30/3
P Cleveland	5/4	**For Dairen**	
Hokuroku M	11/4	Hoten M	26/3
For Seattle		Dairen M	28/3
Capillo	18/4	Tsingtao M	31/3
Crown City	23/4		

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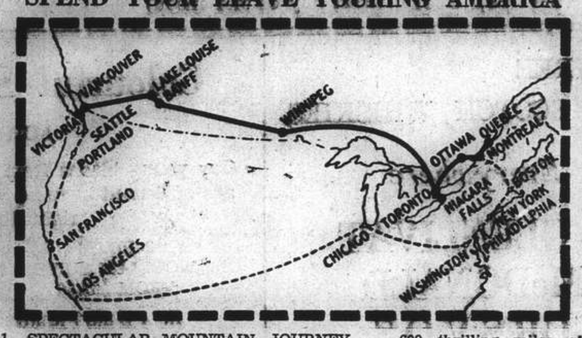

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ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 3		Apr. 5	at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 6		Apr. 8	at 9 a.m.

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Name	From	Consignees
Pres. Taft	Hongkong	A.P.L.
Albert Sarraut	Saigon	Wallem
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Hoten M.	Dairen	D.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Meitung	Am.	S.V.O.C.
Meiying	Am.	S.V.O.C.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Fuhsing	Chi.	Tung Yih
Yawata M.	Jap.	N.Y.K
Hosei M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Ogashima M.	Jap.	K.U.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Iti.	Gbt.	1-2 B.
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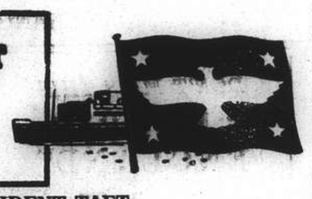

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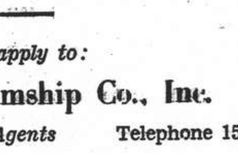
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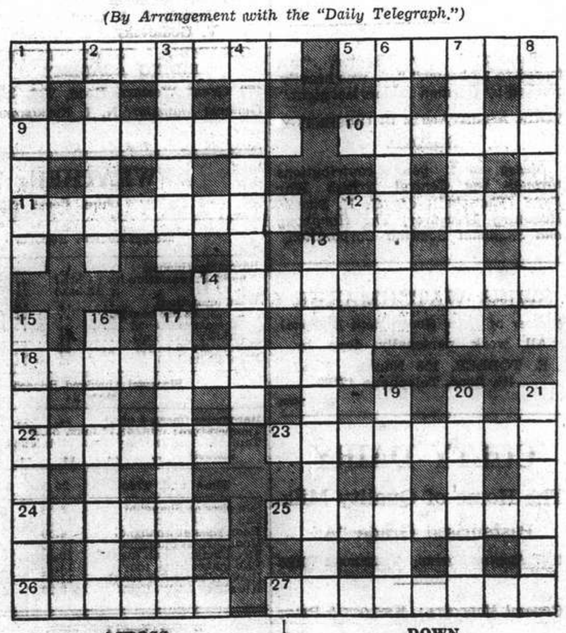

ACROSS
1 Chinks are not allowed in this (8)
5 Among the first at usual spots (6)
9 One takes it in hand to use its feet (8)
10 Famous singer (6)
11 Flower best known by its other name (5)
12 His forte is accompaniment (6)
14 Making this is taking for granted (10)
16 Blasted common in Kent? (10)
22 Can one indulge in this without question? (6)
23 Eggs may be this, cooked, and this beheaded (two words—6, 2)
24 I'm a long time, possibly due to reflection (8)
25 Top of a shaft in Somerset (8)
26 There's this in despair (two words—2, 4)
27 Did this artist like a hand at his head for recreation? (8)

DOWN
1 A bit of horse gear (6)
2 It may betray a Scot (6)
3 It is meant to be on fire (6)
4 This should give you the rough idea (10)
6 Part of a church (8)
7 Does this race need its end to buck it up just now? (8)
8 Reports of this are rife in wartime (8)
13 An ink slinger (10)
15 "As on a rib" (anag.) (8)
16 Bath's awkward business of reverse current (8)
17 True of good looks and 15 down (two words—4, 4)
19 Force never hairless (6)
20 One of those fancy descriptions? (8)
21 One of the flycatchers (6)

YDAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Clockwise; 9, Botany; 10, Policeman; 11, Imogen; 12, Identical; 13, Asides; 17, Met; 19, Almacks; 20, Eyeball; 21, Sag; 23, Tulwar; 27, Paramount; 28, Rafiq; 29, Judicious; 30, Norroy; 31, Depressed. DOWN: 3, Lloyds; 3, Client; 4, Weevil; 5, Seakale; 6, Jobmaster; 7, Large deal; 8, By oneself; 14, Partaking; 15, Small fare; 16, Scrap-iron; 17, MSS; 18, Teg; 22, As a rule; 24, Rapier; 25, Movies; 26, Induce.

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	At Cathedral	At Siccawei
Temperature yesterday	min. 42.0 max. 57.0	min. 40.1 max. 60.3
„ same date last year	min. 47.0 max. 57.0	min. 46.8 max. 60.8

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SHANGHAI, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1941 (29th day of 2nd moon)

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BIRTH

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ENGAGEMENT

SOUROSHNIKOFF - TIEDEMANN — The engagement is announced of ANTHONY, eldest son of Mrs. O. O. Souroshnikoff and the late Mr. Souroshnikoff, of Shanghai, to MARY, the eldest daughter of Mrs. L. P. Mouravieff and the late Mr. V. H. Tiedemann, of Shanghai. (Tientsin and Los Angeles papers please copy.) -4478

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MARCH

26 Annual Meeting China Bible House
26 *Macao formally ceded to Portugal (1887)*
26 *Japan left League of Nations (1935)*
26 *S.M.C. election declared invalid (1936)*

G. R.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that at the expiration of three months from the date hereof the name of the HERBERT DENT & COMPANY LIMITED will, unless cause is shewn to the contrary be struck off the Register and the Company will be dissolved.

Dated at the Office of the British Registrar of Companies, Shanghai, this twenty-fourth day of March, 1941.

A. H. GEORGE,
H.B.M. Consul-General and Registrar of Companies at Shanghai.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday, the 8th April 1941 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1940, to declare a Final Dividend, to elect a Director and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 2nd April to the 8th April 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, 22nd March 1941.
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L. LARSEN. E. TROCK.

Shanghai, Mar. 15. 1941 11661

NOTICE

LARSEN & TROCK

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E. TROCK
LARSEN & TROCK
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NOTICE

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L. LARSEN.

Shanghai, March 15, 1941.
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THE NAVY LEAGUE

Shanghai Branch

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Shanghai Branch of the Navy League will be held TO-DAY, at 5.30 p.m. at the Shanghai Club.

By kind courtesy of the Shanghai Club Committee a room has been placed at the disposal of the members of the Navy League for this meeting.

By Order of the Committee,

E. S. WILKINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Shanghai, March 14, 1941.
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THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Friday, April 4, 1941, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended February 28, 1941, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 31 to April 4, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, March 14, 1941.
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The books of the corporation will be closed from March 28 to 31, 1941, both days inclusive, to all transfers of Seven Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock. Dividend checks will be dispatched March 31, 1941.

KENNETH LOCK,
Assistant Secretary.
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By Order,

S. STINER.
Hon. Secretary.
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SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Associated Clubs are reminded that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Shanghai Engineers' Club, 220 Szechuen Road, TO-DAY, March 26, 1941 at 6 p.m.

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Meteorological Reports	Mar. 24 16.00	Mar. 24 21.00	Mar. 25 4.00	Mar. 25 9.00
Barometer (inches)	30.35	30.38	30.29	30.29
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.37	+0.27	+0.03	—0.08
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.09	+0.01	—0.06	—0.09
Wind (direction)	N/E	NNE	NNE	NE
„ (miles per hour)	15.6	11.8	3.7	4.3
Temperature (Fahr.)	48.6°	42.3°	41.2°	46.8°
Humidity (per cent)	56	73	83	70
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	10	9	9
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Mar. 24	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.34	+0.44	30.12
Temperature: min. 43.7° max. 55.2°	49.5°	—	48.7°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	9.24	—	6.93

Time and Tide	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.52	5.51	5.50	5.49	5.47	5.46	5.44
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.11	18.12	18.12	18.13
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.50	5.24	5.58	6.32	7.06	7.42	8.21
Moon sets at Shanghai	16.50	17.43	18.36	19.28	20.20	21.12	22.04
Flood makes Shai. (day)	10.12	10.55	11.27	11.45	12.05	12.35	13.00
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	14.48	15.35	16.10	16.40	17.03	17.31	17.45
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	11.40	12.15	12.50	13.10	13.40	14.05	14.38
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.90	9.78	10.10	10.30	9.90	9.42	9.10

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 24th:—Siberian anticyclone steady over China: low and unsteady pressure over Japan. Fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cold, fine to cloudy weather in China.

State on the morning of the 25th:—Cloudy and cold weather. North-north-easterly breezes. High and falling pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

(See top of page, right)

The following times apply to the Head Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, March 26. *Reg.* *Ord.*

Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Japan (via Kobe) Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	*20.00	7.30
Amoy Swatow and Canton	*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Canton	*20.00	8.30
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India and Suez (via Colombo)	A 17.00	18.30
Hongkong and Canton ..	18.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00

THURSDAY, March 27.

Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Amoy and Canton	*20.00	7.30
Hongkong Canton Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India and Suez (via Colombo)	*20.00	8.00
Amoy and Foochow via Amoy	8.30	9.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00

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